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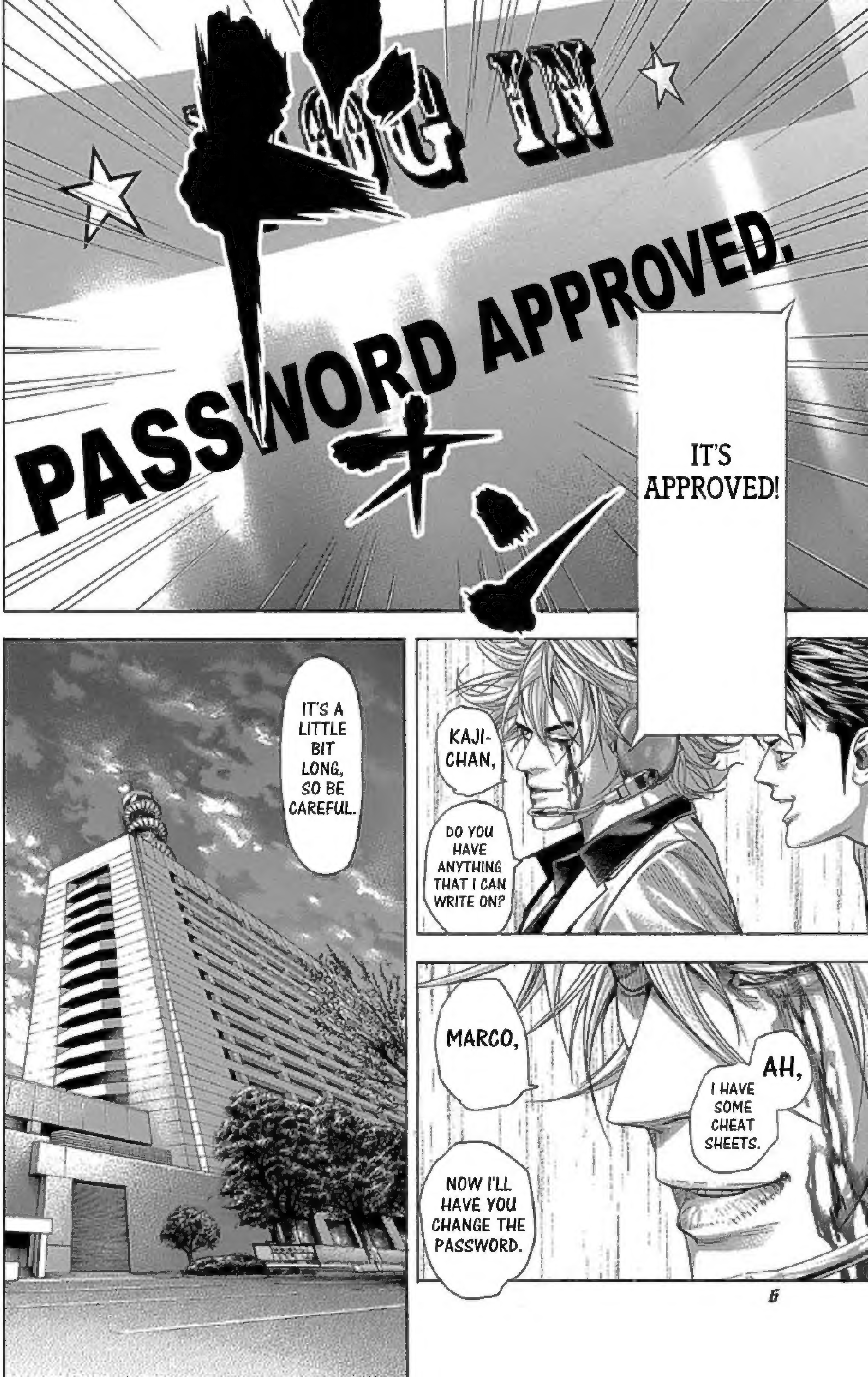
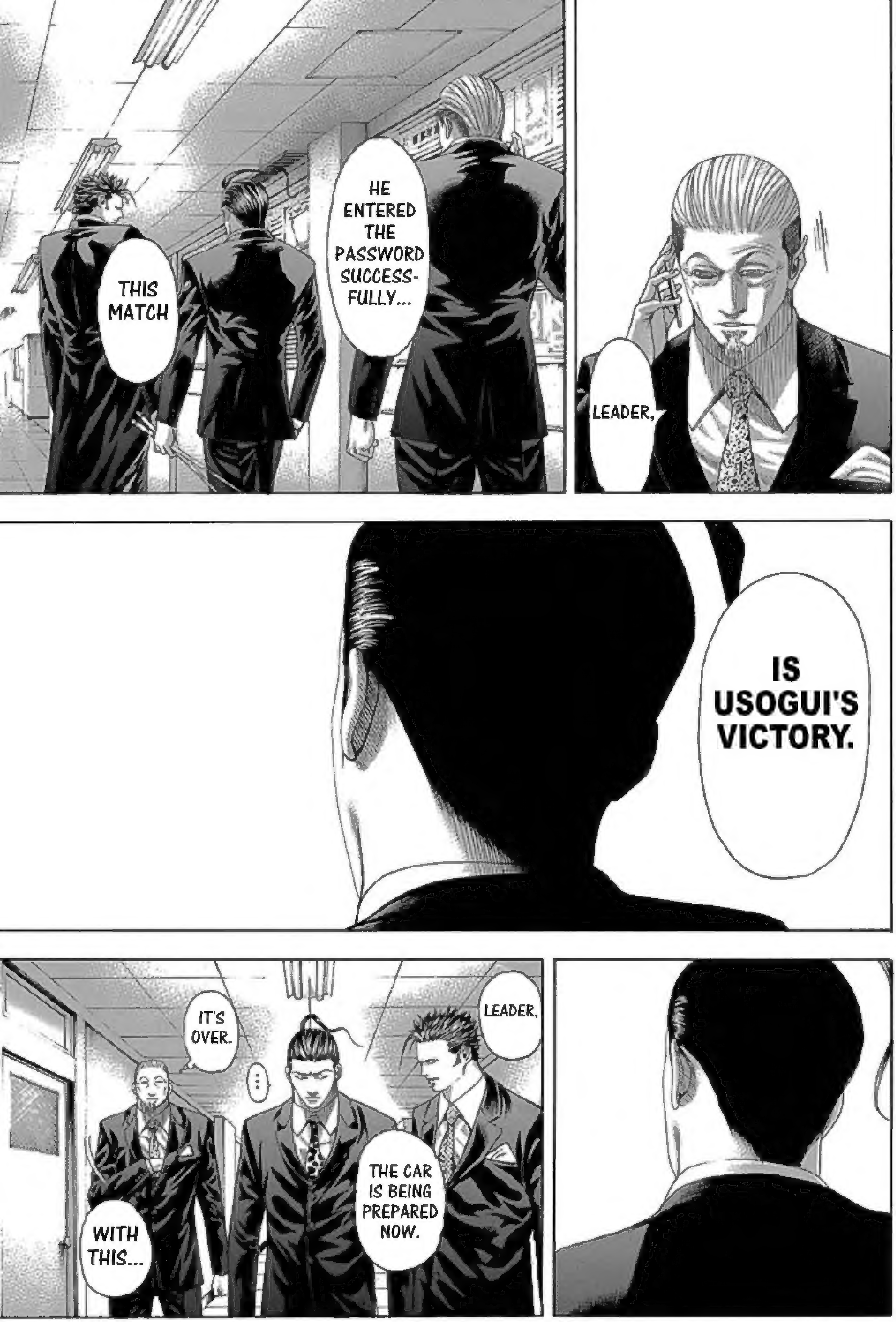
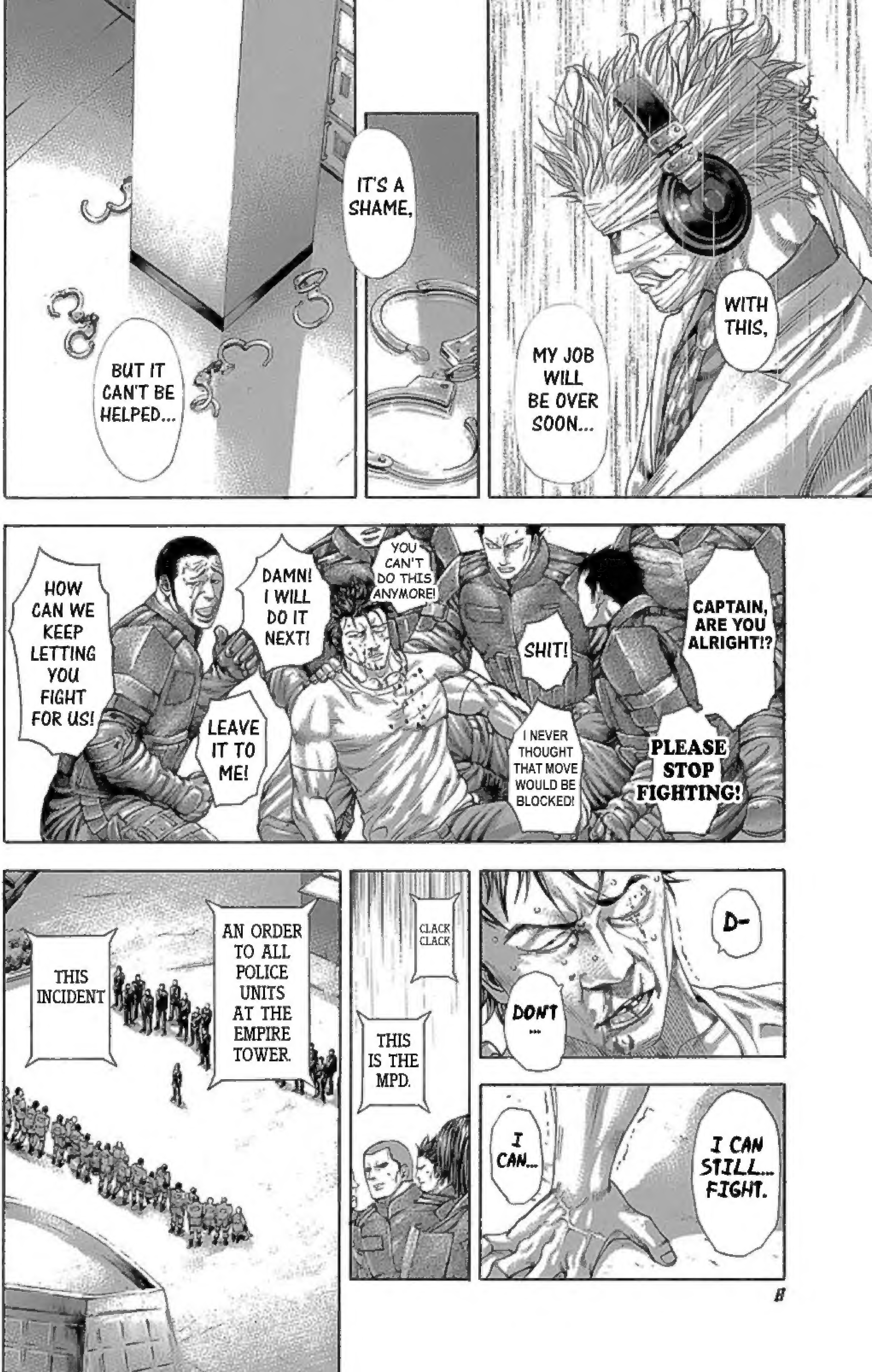
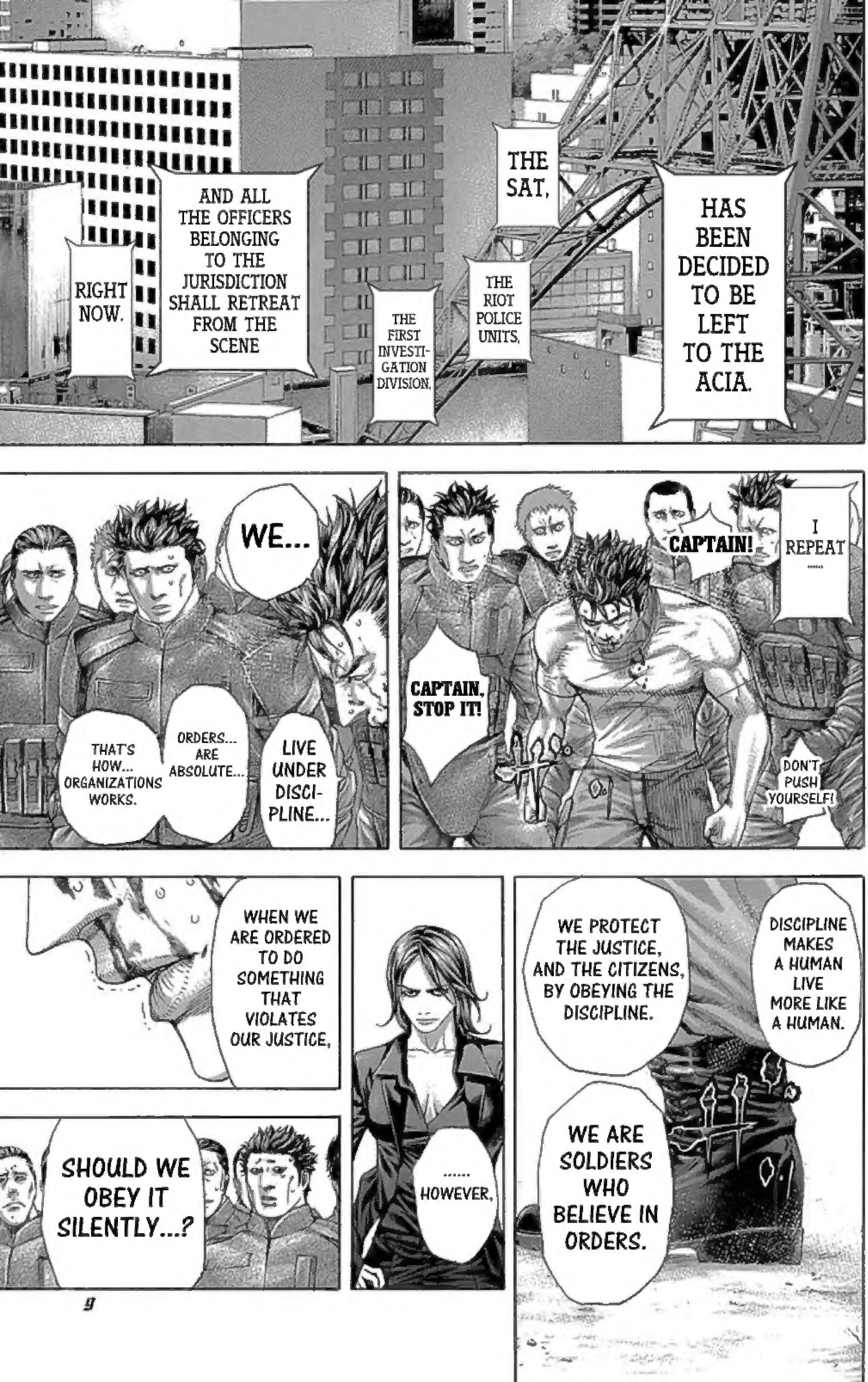
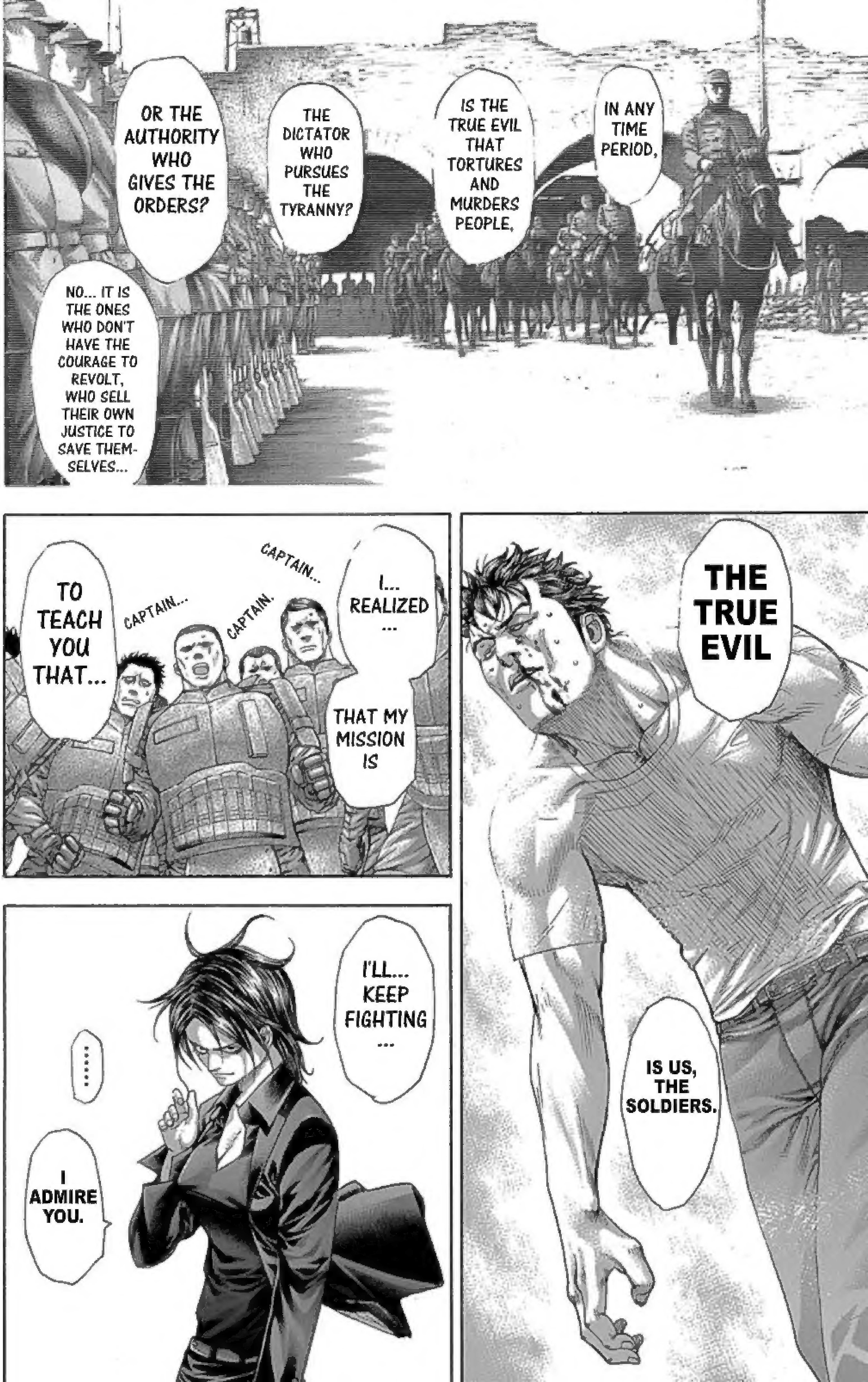
THE CURSED FOOLS

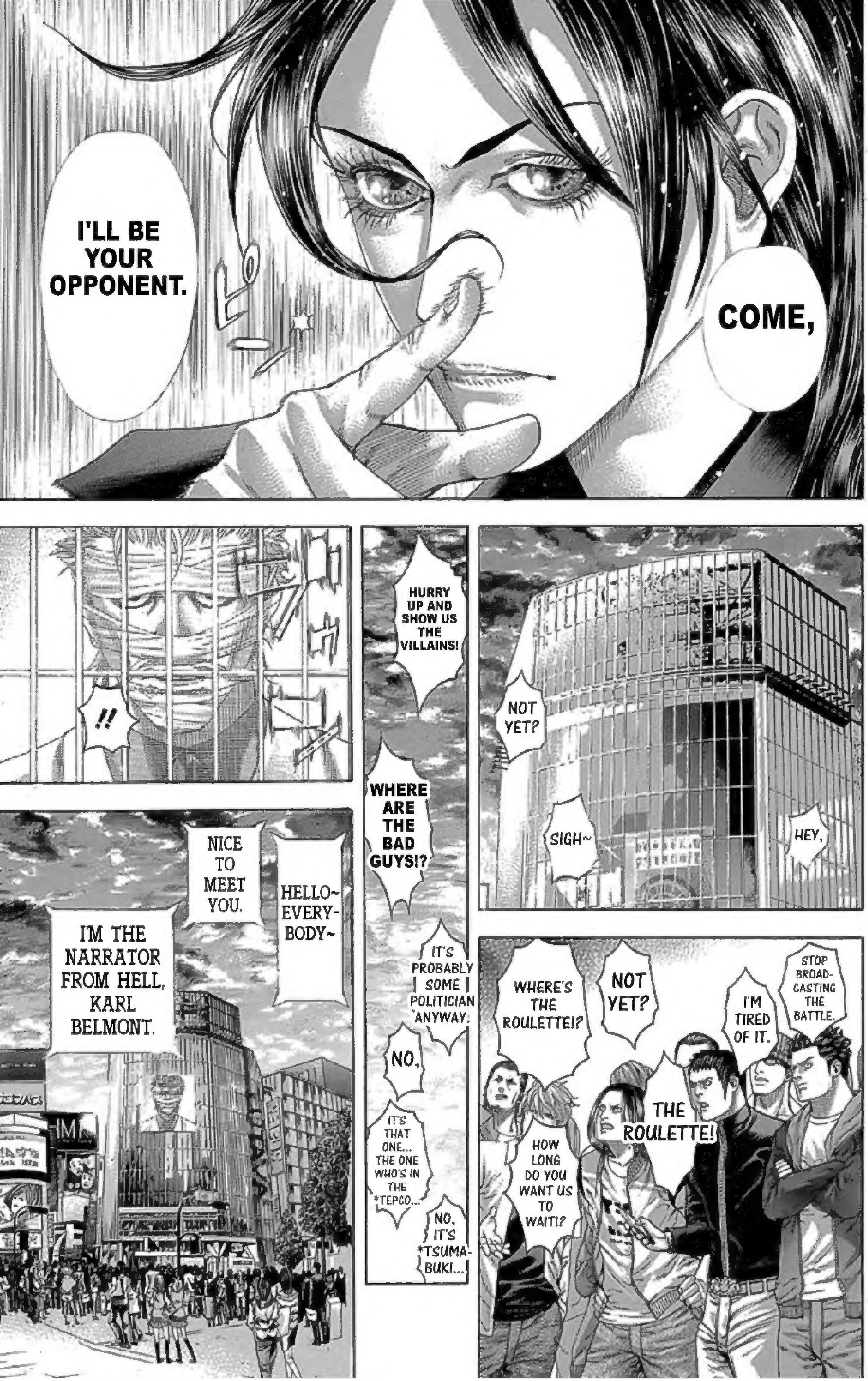

LOG IN
PASSWORD APPROVED.
IT'S APPROVED!
KAJI-CHAN,
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT I CAN WRITE ON?
AH, I HAVE SOME CHEAT SHEETS.
MARCO,
NOW I'LL HAVE YOU CHANGE THE PASSWORD.
IT'S A LITTLE BIT LONG, SO BE CAREFUL.


LEADER,
HE ENTERED THE PASSWORD SUCCESSFULLY...
THIS MATCH
IS USOGUI'S VICTORY.
LEADER,
THE CAR IS BEING PREPARED NOW.
...
IT'S OVER.
WITH THIS...

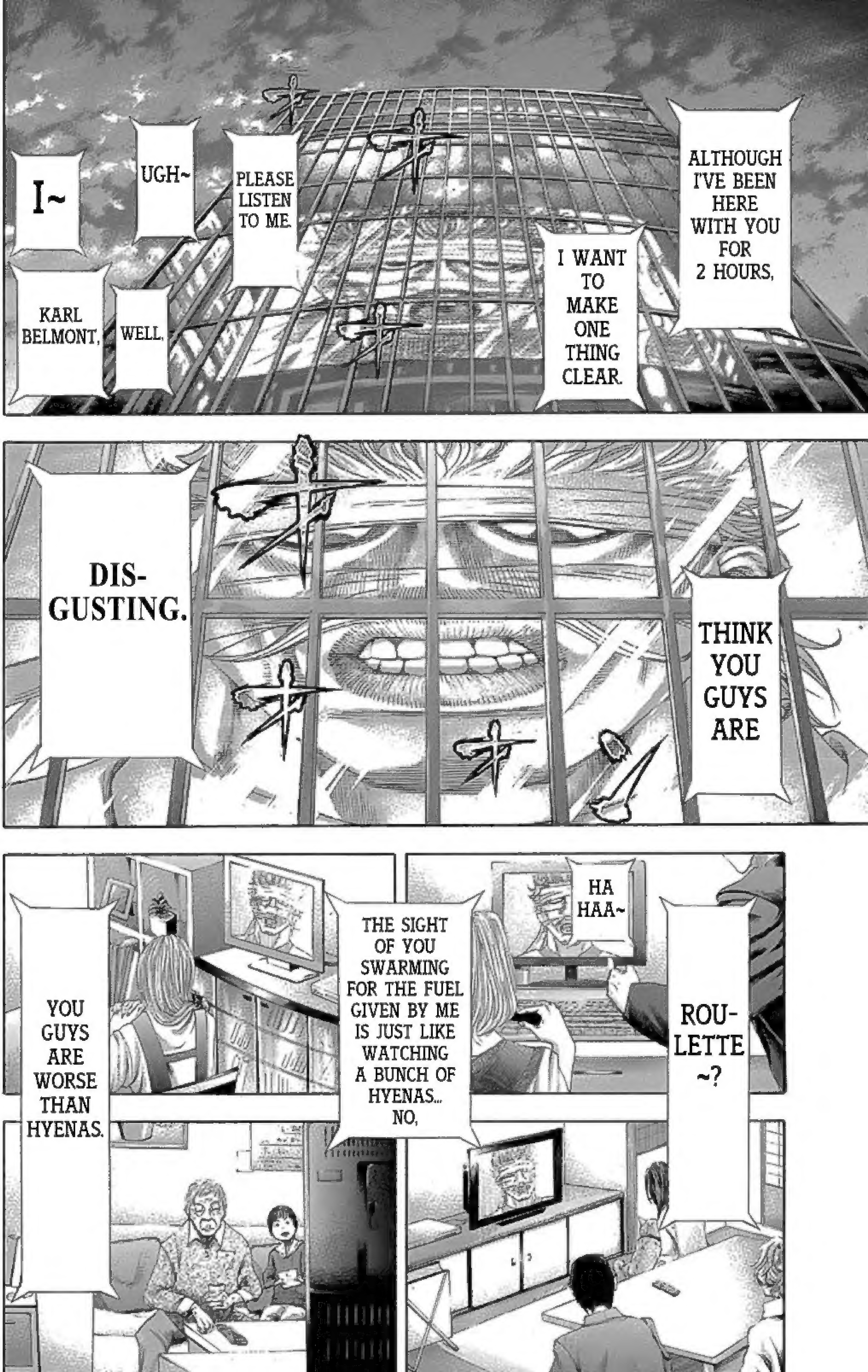

WITH THIS,
MY JOB WILL BE OVER SOON...
IT'S A SHAME,
BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
CAPTAIN, ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
PLEASE STOP FIGHTING!
SHIT!
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT MOVE WOULD BE BLOCKED!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE!
DAMN! I WILL DO IT NEXT!
LEAVE IT TO ME!
HOW CAN WE KEEP LETTING YOU FIGHT FOR US!
D-
DON'T ...
I CAN STILL... FIGHT.
I CAN...
CLACK CLACK
THIS IS THE MPD.
AN ORDER TO ALL POLICE UNITS AT THE EMPIRE TOWER.
THIS INCIDENT

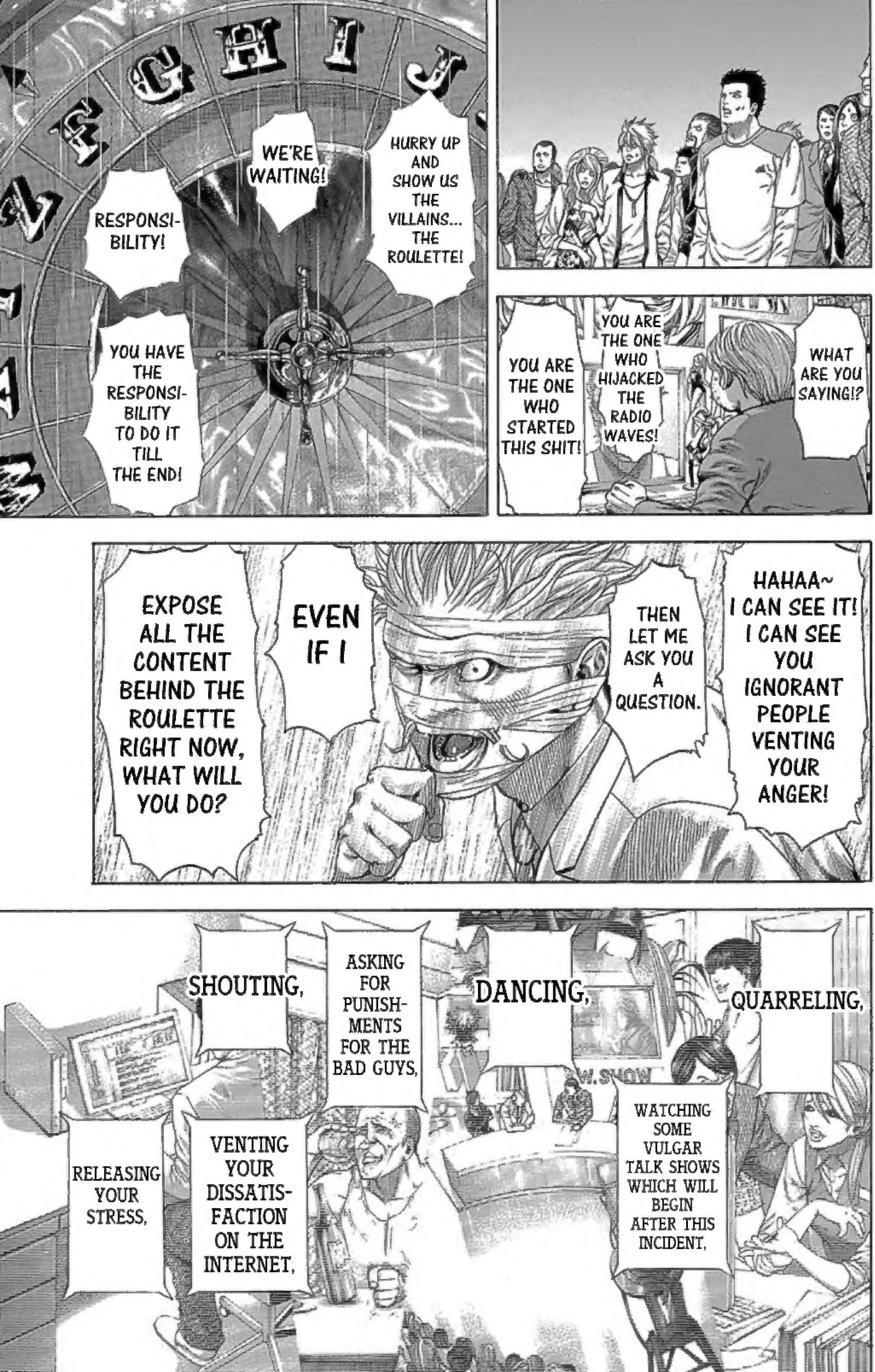

RIGHT NOW.
AND ALL THE OFFICERS BELONGING TO THE JURISDICTION SHALL RETREAT FROM THE SCENE
THE FIRST INVESTIGATION DIVISION,
THE RIOT POLICE UNITS,
THE SAT,
HAS BEEN DECIDED TO BE LEFT TO THE ACIA.
I REPEAT ......
CAPTAIN!
CAPTAIN, STOP IT!
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF!
WE...
LIVE UNDER DISCIPLINE...
ORDERS... ARE ABSOLUTE...
THAT'S HOW... ORGANIZATIONS WORKS.
DISCIPLINE MAKES A HUMAN LIVE MORE LIKE A HUMAN.
WE PROTECT THE JUSTICE, AND THE CITIZENS, BY OBEYING THE DISCIPLINE.
WE ARE SOLDIERS WHO BELIEVE IN ORDERS.
...... HOWEVER,
WHEN WE ARE ORDERED TO DO SOMETHING THAT VIOLATES OUR JUSTICE,
SHOULD WE OBEY IT SILENTLY...?

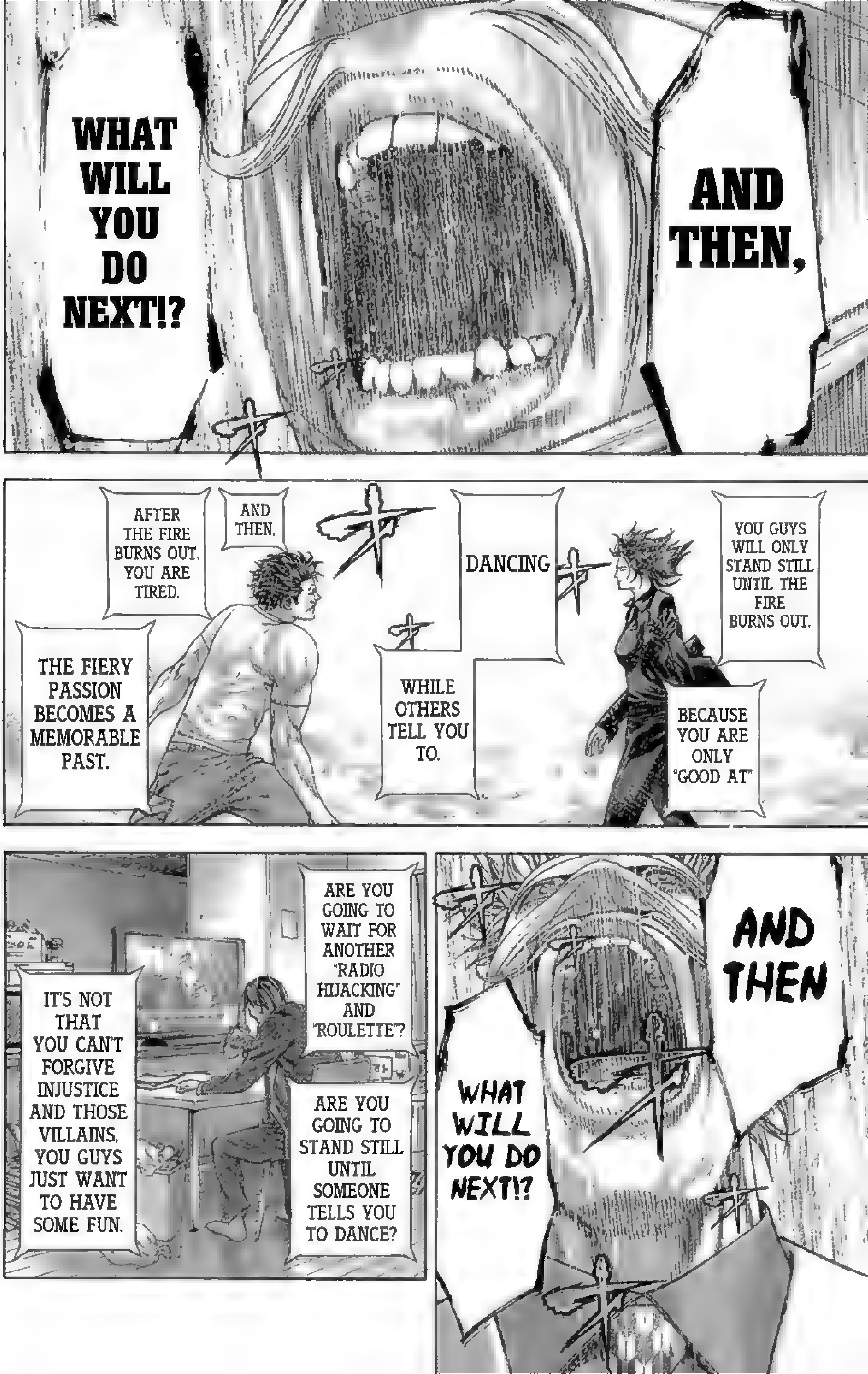

IN ANY TIME PERIOD,
IS THE TRUE EVIL THAT TORTURES AND MURDERS PEOPLE,
THE DICTATOR WHO PURSUES THE TYRANNY?
OR THE AUTHORITY WHO GIVES THE ORDERS?
NO... IT IS THE ONES WHO DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO REVOLT, WHO SELL THEIR OWN JUSTICE TO SAVE THEMSELVES...
THE TRUE EVIL
IS US, THE SOLDIERS.
CAPTAIN...
I... REALIZED ...
THAT MY MISSION IS
CAPTAIN.
CAPTAIN...
TO TEACH YOU THAT...
I'LL... KEEP FIGHTING ...
......
I ADMIRE YOU.

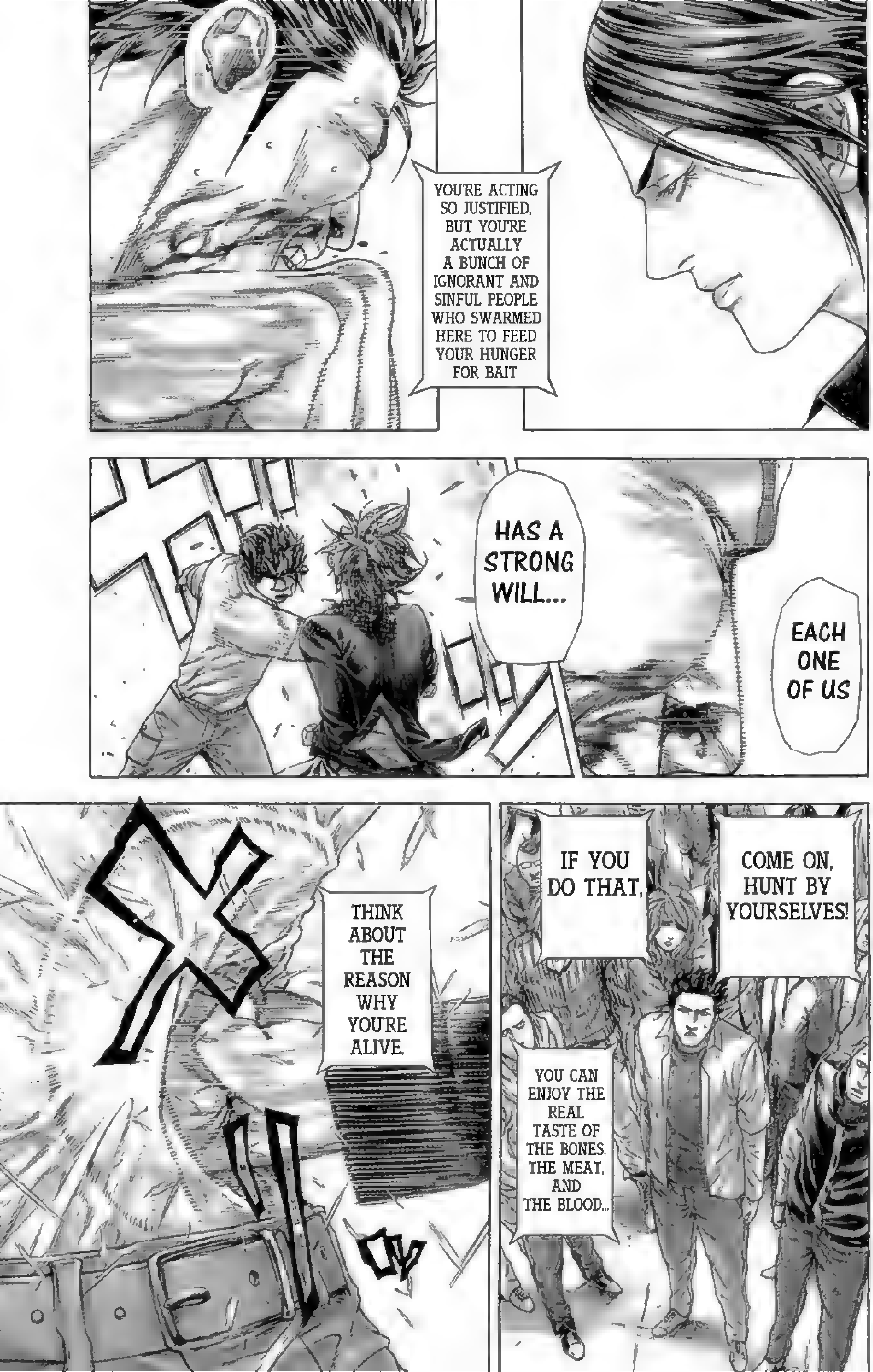

COME,
I'LL BE YOUR OPPONENT.
HEY,
SIGH~
NOT YET?
HURRY UP AND SHOW US THE VILLAINS!
WHERE ARE THE BAD GUYS!?
IT'S PROBABLY SOME POLITICIAN ANYWAY.
NO,
IT'S THAT ONE... THE ONE WHO'S IN THE *TEPCO...
NO, IT'S *TSUMABUKI...
!!
STOP BROADCASTING THE BATTLE.
I'M TIRED OF IT.
NOT YET?
WHERE'S THE ROULETTE!?
THE ROULETTE!
HOW LONG DO YOU WANT US TO WAIT!?
HELLO~ EVERYBODY~
NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'M THE NARRATOR FROM HELL, KARL BELMONT.

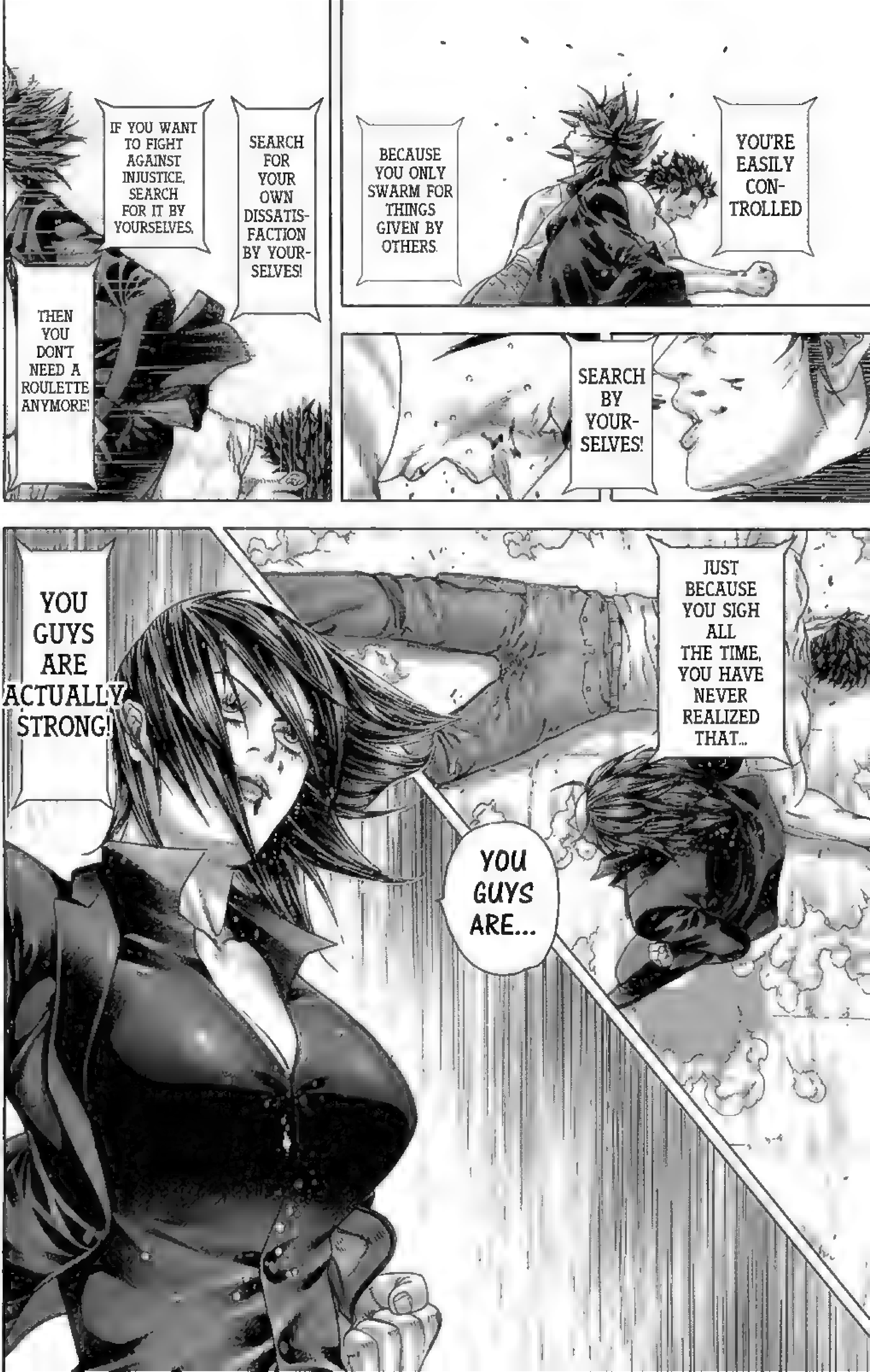
*TOKYO ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY HOLDINGS.
*SATOSHI TSUMABUKI, A JAPANESE ACTOR.

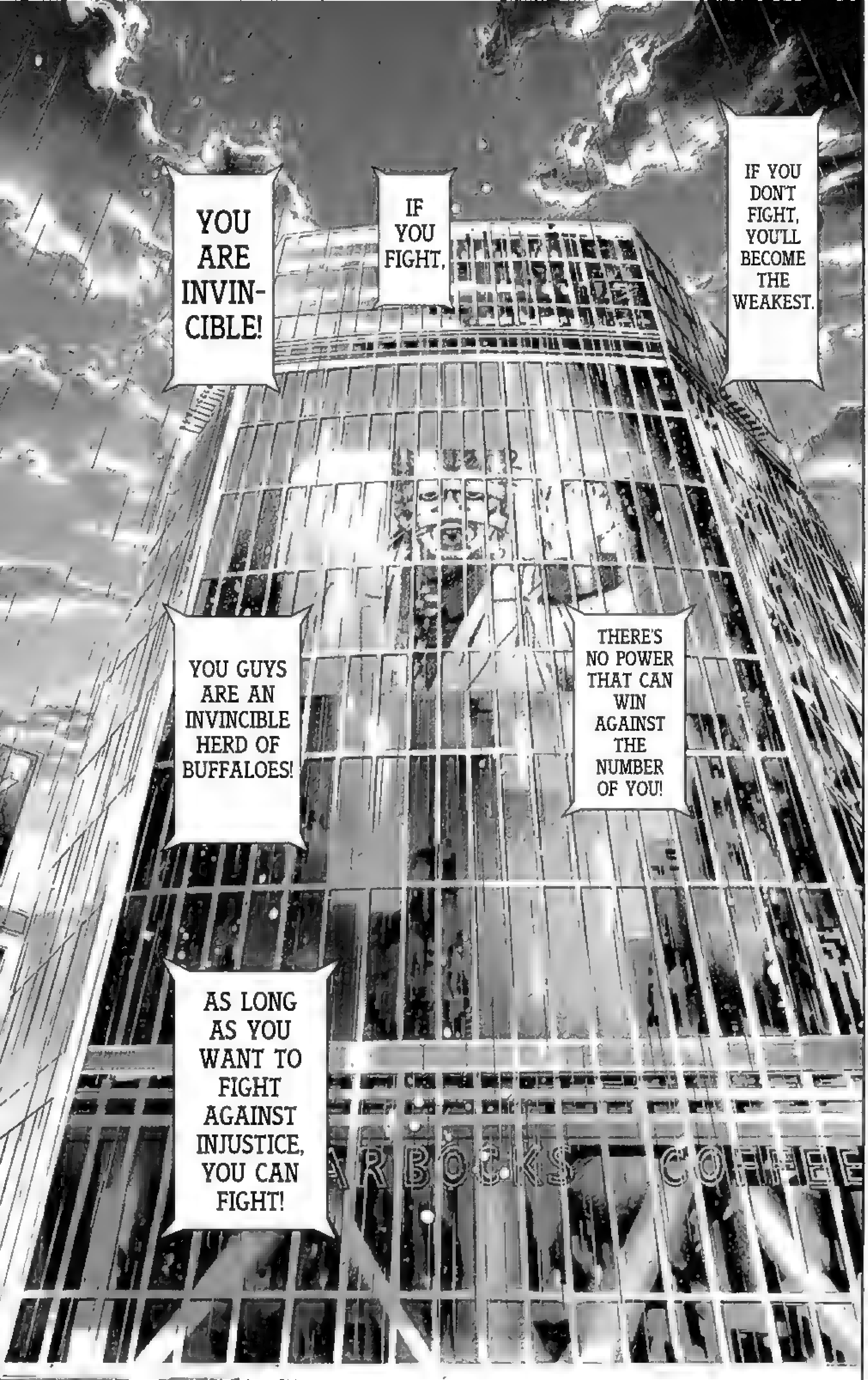

ALTHOUGH I'VE BEEN HERE WITH YOU FOR 2 HOURS,
I WANT TO MAKE ONE THING CLEAR.
PLEASE LISTEN TO ME.
UGH~
WELL,
KARL BELMONT,
I~
THINK YOU GUYS ARE
DISGUSTING.
HA HAA~
ROULETTE~?
THE SIGHT OF YOU SWARMING FOR THE FUEL GIVEN BY ME IS JUST LIKE WATCHING A BUNCH OF HYENAS... NO,
YOU GUYS ARE WORSE THAN HYENAS.

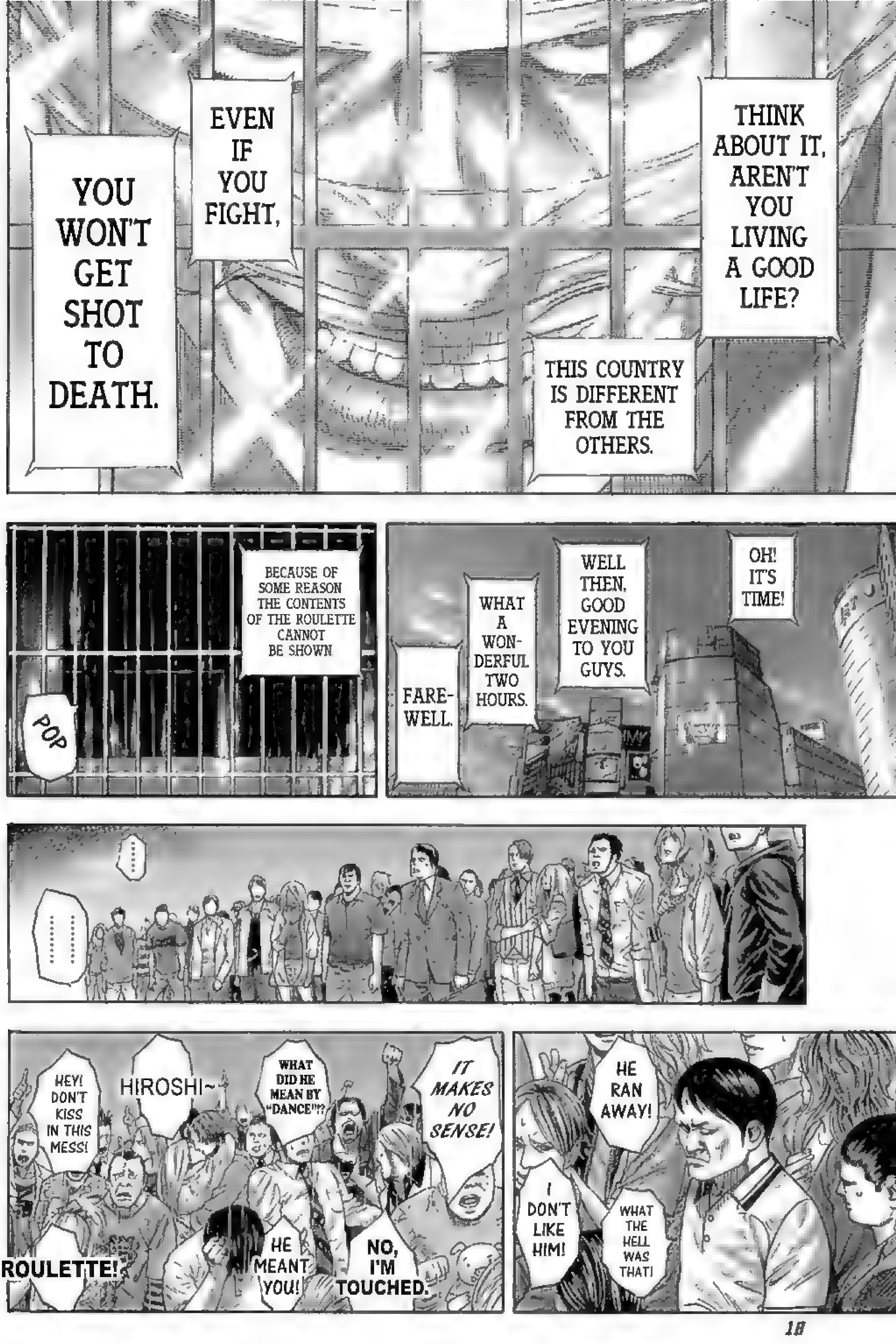

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO HIJACKED THE RADIO WAVES!
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO STARTED THIS SHIT!
HURRY UP AND SHOW US THE VILLAINS... THE ROULETTE!
WE'RE WAITING!
RESPONSIBILITY!
YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DO IT TILL THE END!
HAHAA~ I CAN SEE IT! I CAN SEE YOU IGNORANT PEOPLE VENTING YOUR ANGER!
THEN LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION.
EVEN IF I
EXPOSE ALL THE CONTENT BEHIND THE ROULETTE RIGHT NOW, WHAT WILL YOU DO?
QUARRELING,
DANCING,
ASKING FOR PUNISHMENTS FOR THE BAD GUYS,
SHOUTING,
WATCHING SOME VULGAR TALK SHOWS WHICH WILL BEGIN AFTER THIS INCIDENT,
W.SHOW
VENTING YOUR DISSATISFACTION ON THE INTERNET,
RELEASING YOUR STRESS,

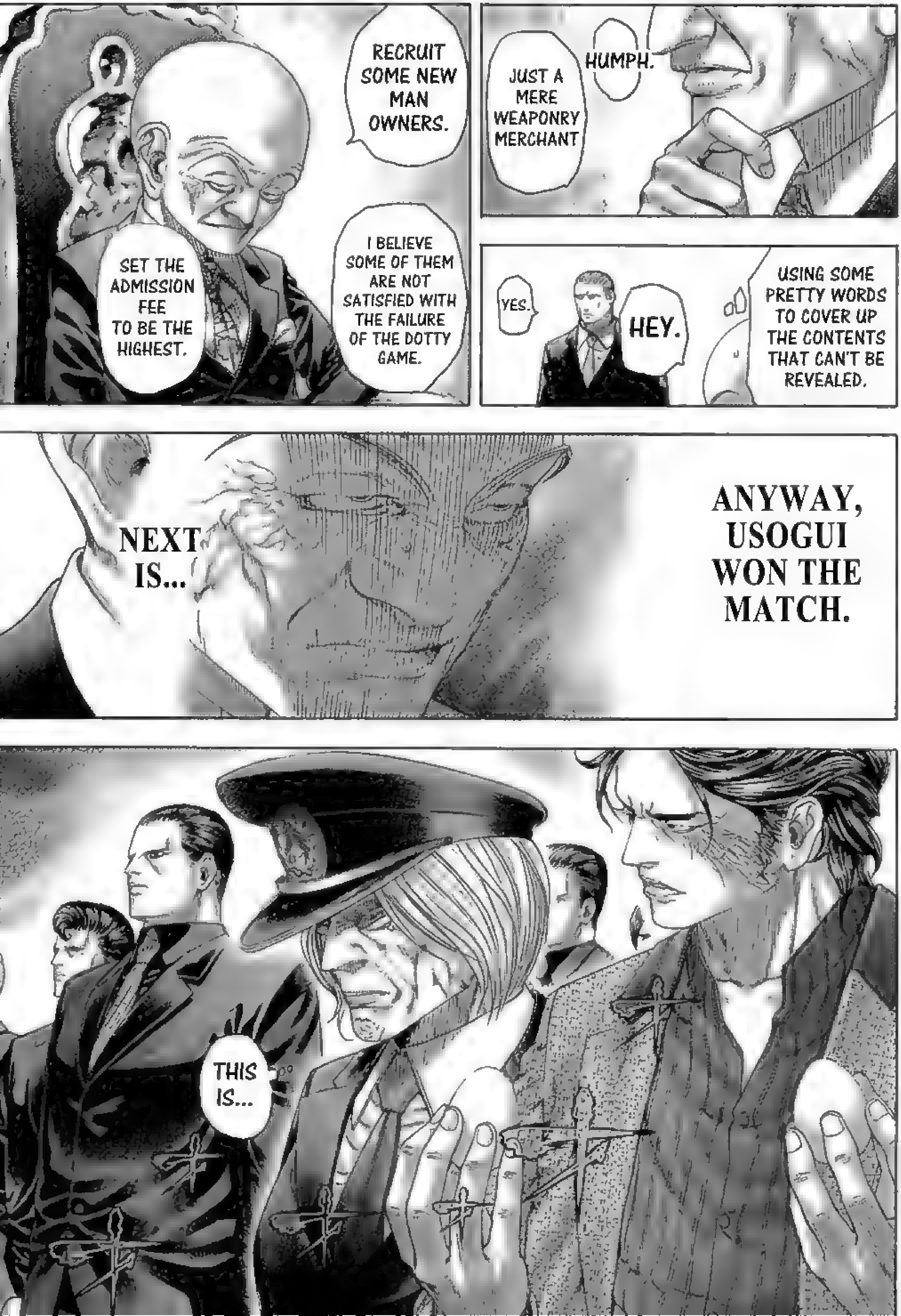

AND THEN,
WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT!?
YOU GUYS WILL ONLY STAND STILL UNTIL THE FIRE BURNS OUT.
BECAUSE YOU ARE ONLY "GOOD AT"
DANCING
WHILE OTHERS TELL YOU TO.
AND THEN,
AFTER THE FIRE BURNS OUT, YOU ARE TIRED.
THE FIERY PASSION BECOMES A MEMORABLE PAST.
AND THEN
WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT!?
ARE YOU GOING TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER "RADIO HIJACKING" AND "ROULETTE"?
ARE YOU GOING TO STAND STILL UNTIL SOMEONE TELLS YOU TO DANCE?
IT'S NOT THAT YOU CAN'T FORGIVE INJUSTICE AND THOSE VILLAINS. YOU GUYS JUST WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN.


YOU'RE ACTING SO JUSTIFIED, BUT YOU'RE ACTUALLY A BUNCH OF IGNORANT AND SINFUL PEOPLE WHO SWARMED HERE TO FEED YOUR HUNGER FOR BAIT
EACH ONE OF US
HAS A STRONG WILL...
COME ON, HUNT BY YOURSELVES!
IF YOU DO THAT,
YOU CAN ENJOY THE REAL TASTE OF THE BONES, THE MEAT, AND THE BLOOD...
THINK ABOUT THE REASON WHY YOU'RE ALIVE.


YOU'RE EASILY CONTROLLED
BECAUSE YOU ONLY SWARM FOR THINGS GIVEN BY OTHERS.
SEARCH BY YOURSELVES!
SEARCH FOR YOUR OWN DISSATISFACTION BY YOURSELVES!
IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT AGAINST INJUSTICE, SEARCH FOR IT BY YOURSELVES.
THEN YOU DON'T NEED A ROULETTE ANYMORE!
JUST BECAUSE YOU SIGH ALL THE TIME, YOU HAVE NEVER REALIZED THAT...
YOU GUYS ARE...
YOU GUYS ARE ACTUALLY STRONG!


YOU ARE INVINCIBLE!
IF YOU FIGHT,
IF YOU DON'T FIGHT, YOU'LL BECOME THE WEAKEST.
YOU GUYS ARE AN INVINCIBLE HERD OF BUFFALOES!
THERE'S NO POWER THAT CAN WIN AGAINST THE NUMBER OF YOU!
AS LONG AS YOU WANT TO FIGHT AGAINST INJUSTICE, YOU CAN FIGHT!
ARBUCKS COFFEE


THINK ABOUT IT, AREN'T YOU LIVING A GOOD LIFE?
THIS COUNTRY IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS.
EVEN IF YOU FIGHT,
YOU WON'T GET SHOT TO DEATH.
OH! IT'S TIME!
WELL THEN, GOOD EVENING TO YOU GUYS.
WHAT A WONDERFUL TWO HOURS.
FAREWELL.
BECAUSE OF SOME REASON THE CONTENTS OF THE ROULETTE CANNOT BE SHOWN.
POP
......
......
HE RAN AWAY!
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT!
I DON'T LIKE HIM!
IT MAKES NO SENSE!
WHAT DID HE MEAN BY "DANCE"!?
HIROSHI~
HEY! DON'T KISS IN THIS MESS!
NO, I'M TOUCHED.
HE MEANT YOU!
ROULETTE!


HUMPH.
JUST A MERE WEAPONRY MERCHANT
USING SOME PRETTY WORDS TO COVER UP THE CONTENTS THAT CAN'T BE REVEALED.
HEY.
YES.
RECRUIT SOME NEW MAN OWNERS.
I BELIEVE SOME OF THEM ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE FAILURE OF THE DOTTY GAME.
SET THE ADMISSION FEE TO BE THE HIGHEST.
ANYWAY, USOGUI WON THE MATCH.
NEXT IS...
THIS IS...

號奪戦（ごうだつせん）
RANKING BATTLE

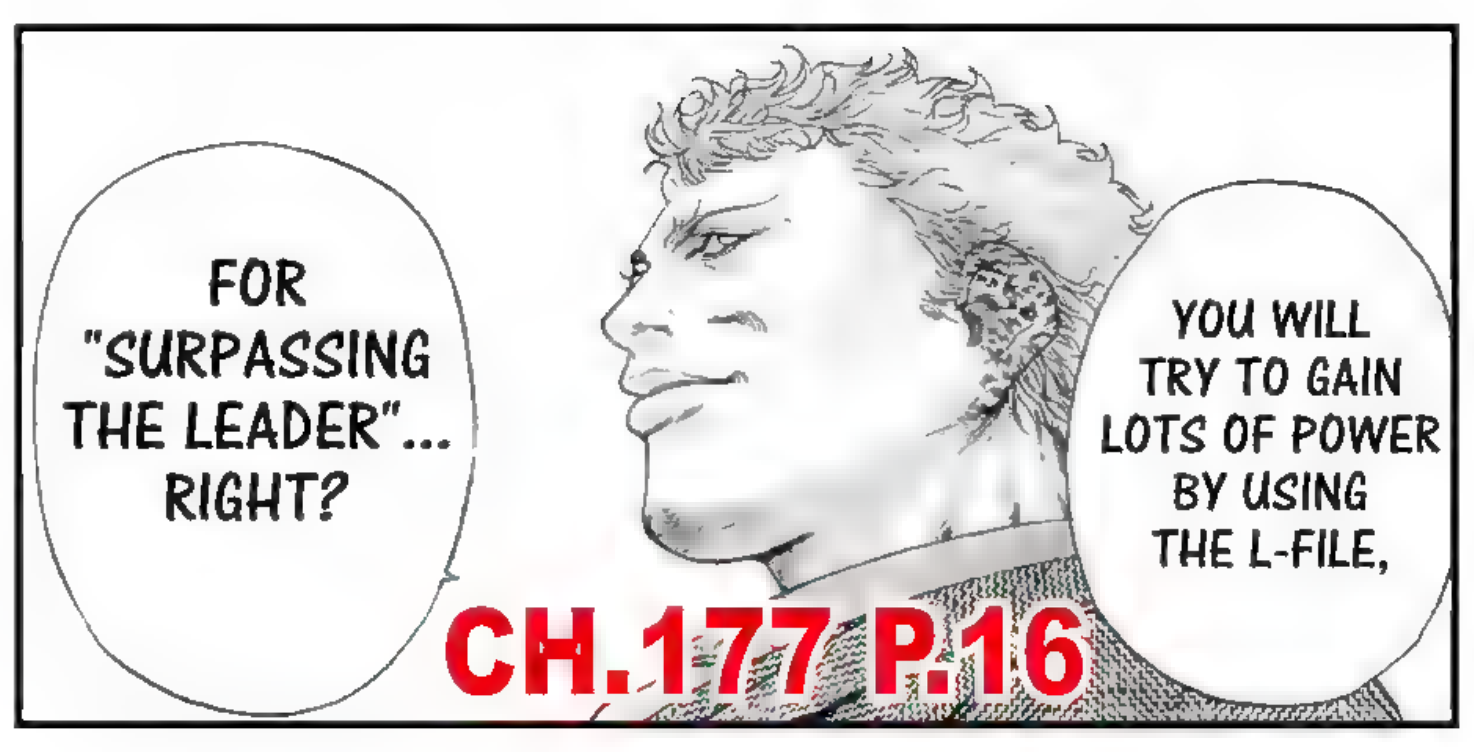
......
LEADER? IS THE DESTINATION THE EMPIRE TOWER...?
......
TOUYA-SAN...
......
?

The Tower Of Karma Arc Review

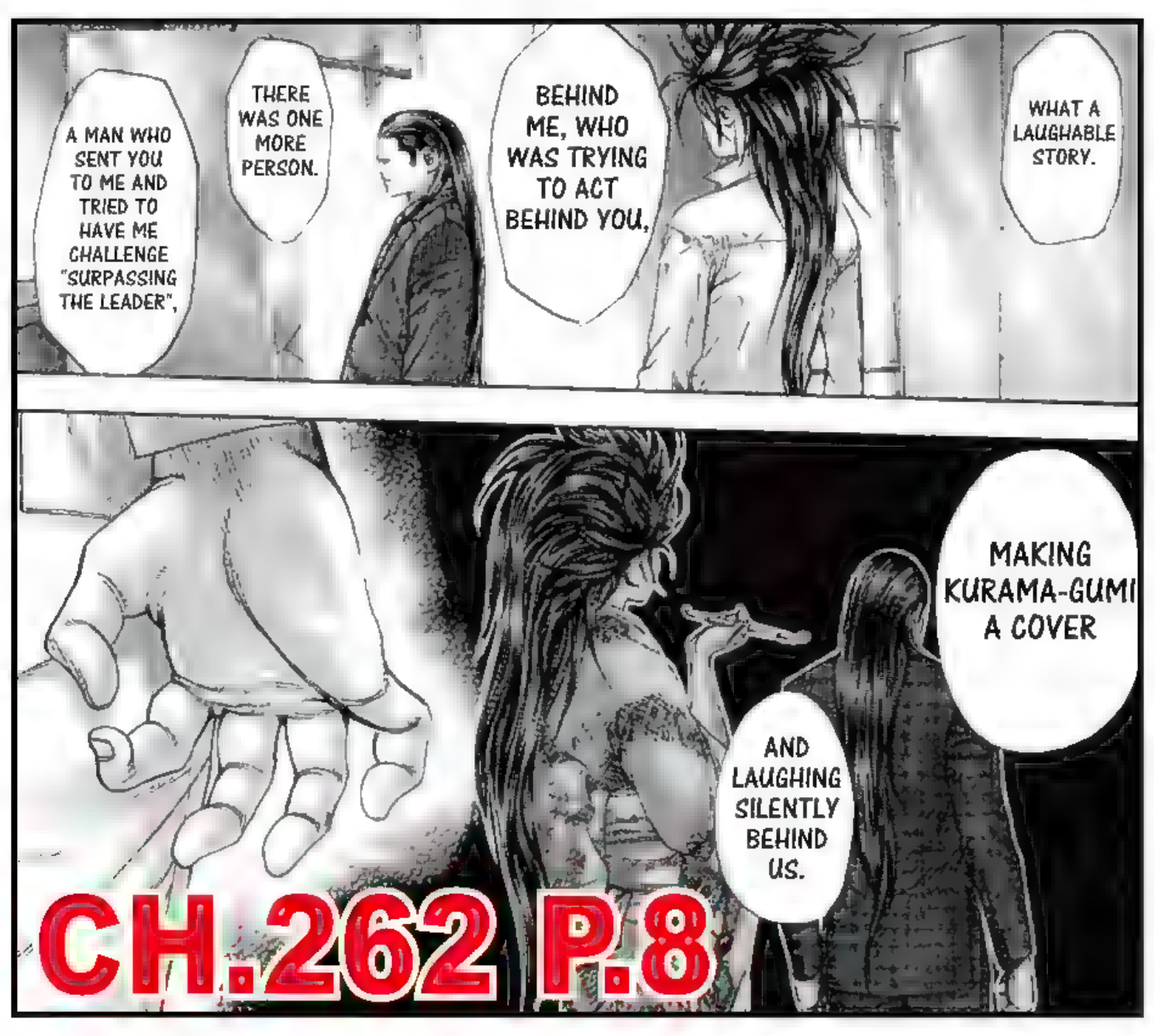
THE CRIME COVER-UP SYSTEM THAT IS LED BY MPD'S AMAKO, THAT SCAPEGOAT SYSTEM.
THE ONE INVOLVED IN THIS CORRUPTION.
IS YOUR SON,
BY USING YOUR NAME.
CH.150 P.11

Events before the match:

Because Ranko and Caracal know that Baku has the L-file, they can anticipate that Baku will make some big moves, and are making preparations beforehand and keeping watch on his actions. That's how they were able to infiltrate the tower on short notice.

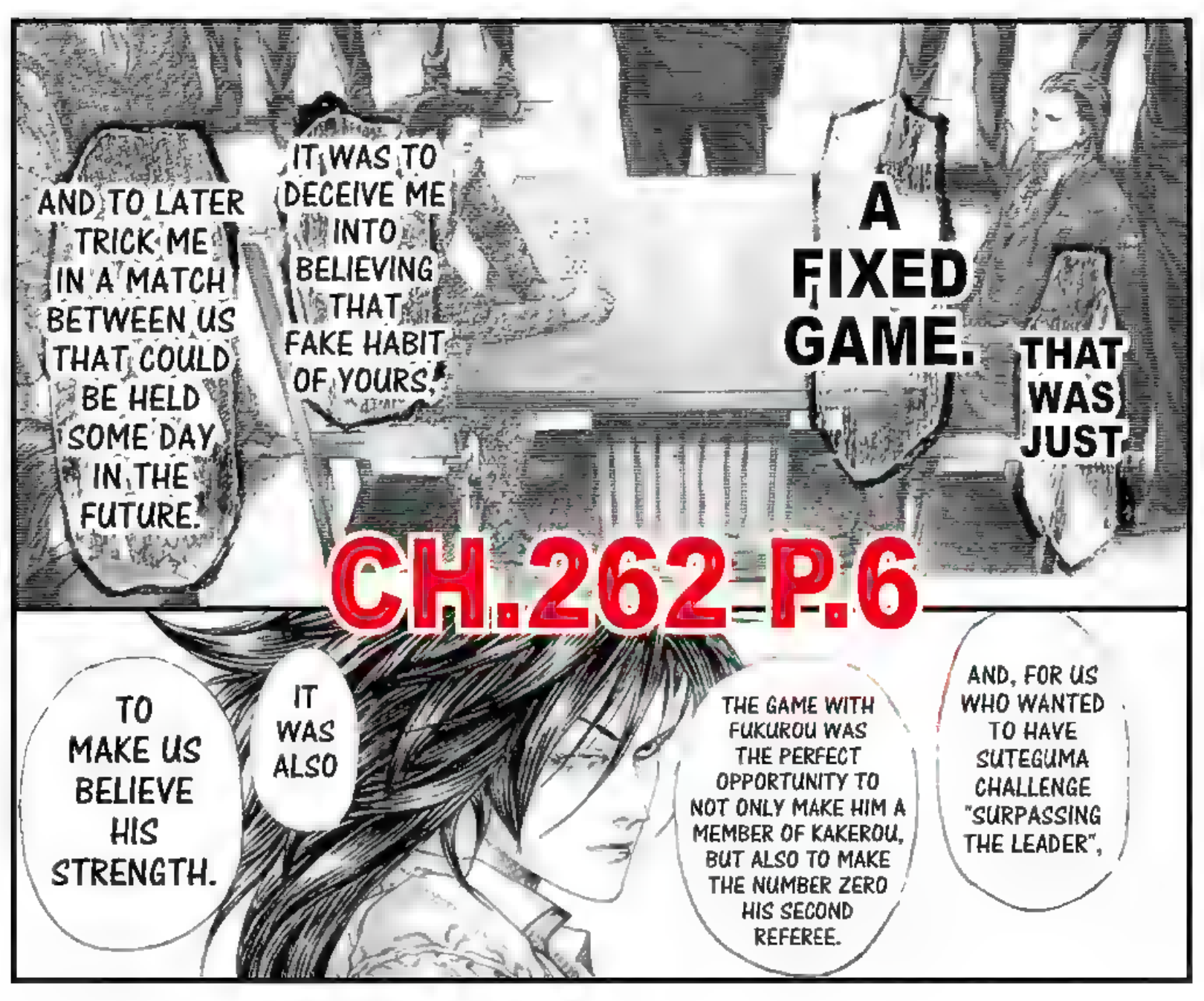

YOU WILL TRY TO GAIN LOTS OF POWER BY USING THE L-FILE,
FOR "SURPASSING THE LEADER"... RIGHT?
CH.177 P.16

Before 'KY Declaration':


WHAT A LAUGHABLE STORY.
BEHIND ME, WHO WAS TRYING TO ACT BEHIND YOU,
THERE WAS ONE MORE PERSON.
A MAN WHO SENT YOU TO ME AND TRIED TO HAVE ME CHALLENGE "SURPASSING THE LEADER",
MAKING KURAMA-GUMI A COVER
AND LAUGHING SILENTLY BEHIND US.
CH.262 P.8

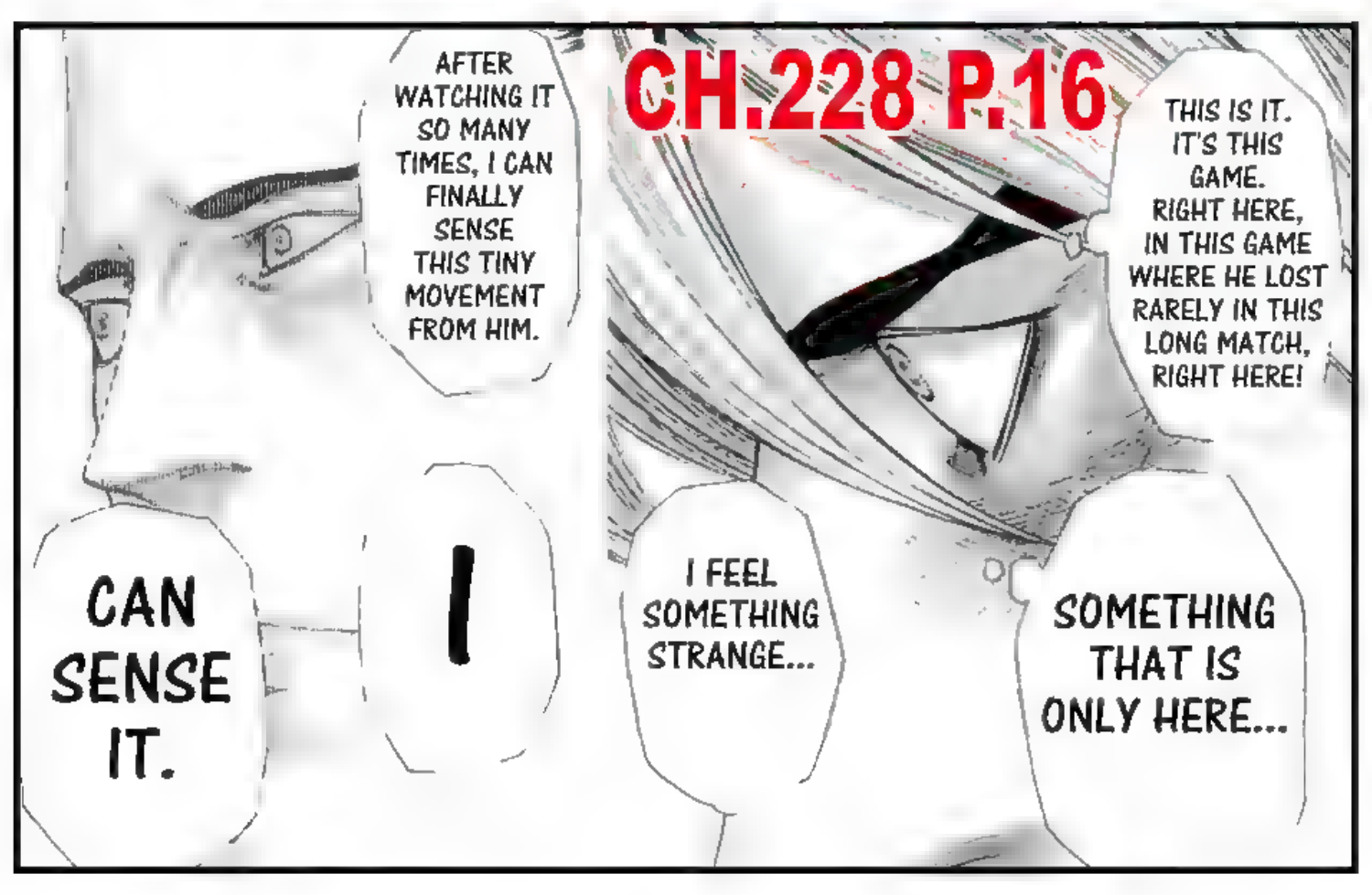
1. Suteguma approaches Kurama-gumi under Caracal's orders, and pretends to join them to challenge "Surpassing the leader" with their support.

2. Caracal sets up a fake match between Suteguma & Fukurou, so that Suteguma:
   - gets a Kakerou membership
   - proves his strength to Kurama-gumi
   - gets no. 0 as his second referee
   - displays a fake habit to later trick Baku


THAT WAS JUST
A FIXED GAME.
IT WAS TO DECEIVE ME INTO BELIEVING THAT FAKE HABIT OF YOURS,
AND TO LATER TRICK ME IN A MATCH BETWEEN US THAT COULD BE HELD SOME DAY IN THE FUTURE.
AND, FOR US WHO WANTED TO HAVE SUTEGUMA CHALLENGE "SURPASSING THE LEADER",
THE GAME WITH FUKUROU WAS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO NOT ONLY MAKE HIM A MEMBER OF KAKEROU, BUT ALSO TO MAKE THE NUMBER ZERO HIS SECOND REFEREE.
IT WAS ALSO
TO MAKE US BELIEVE HIS STRENGTH.
CH.262 P.6

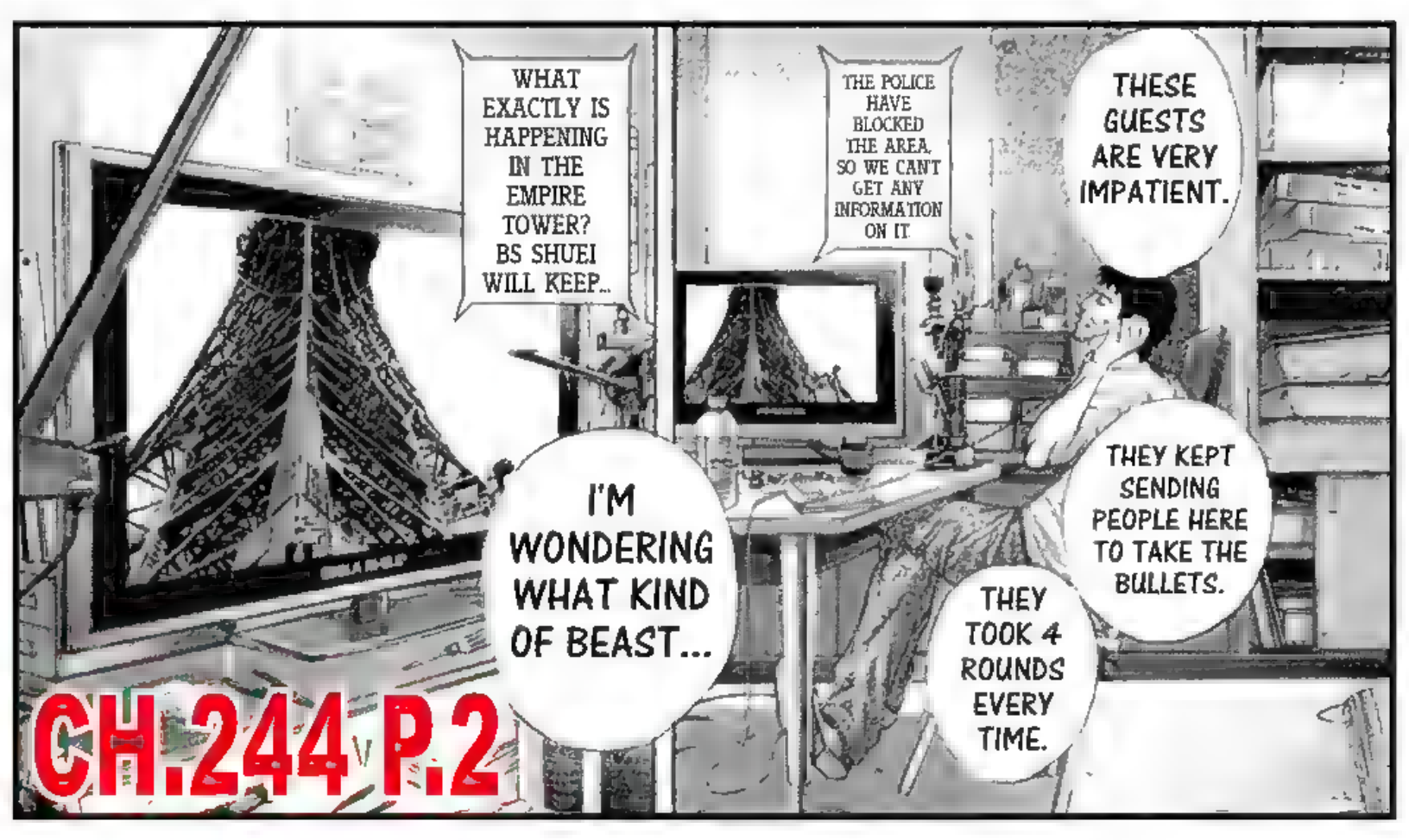
DO YOU THINK I'LL BELIEVE THAT?
YOU TRICKED US WELL. YOU DEFINITELY KNEW OUR PLANS FROM THE START, THERE'S NO OTHER WAY AROUND IT!
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT YOU LET THAT LONG HAIR YELLOW MONKEY CHEAT US OUT!
CH.228 P.15

3. Caracal pretends the match was real to Baku and sends him a tape.


THIS IS IT. IT'S THIS GAME. RIGHT HERE, IN THIS GAME WHERE HE LOST RARELY IN THIS LONG MATCH, RIGHT HERE!
SOMETHING THAT IS ONLY HERE...
I FEEL SOMETHING STRANGE...
AFTER WATCHING IT SO MANY TIMES, I CAN FINALLY SENSE THIS TINY MOVEMENT FROM HIM.
I
CAN SENSE IT.
CH.228 P.16

4. Baku analyzes the match, and notices Suteguma's habit.

Start of 'KY Declaration', prior to Tower Infiltration:

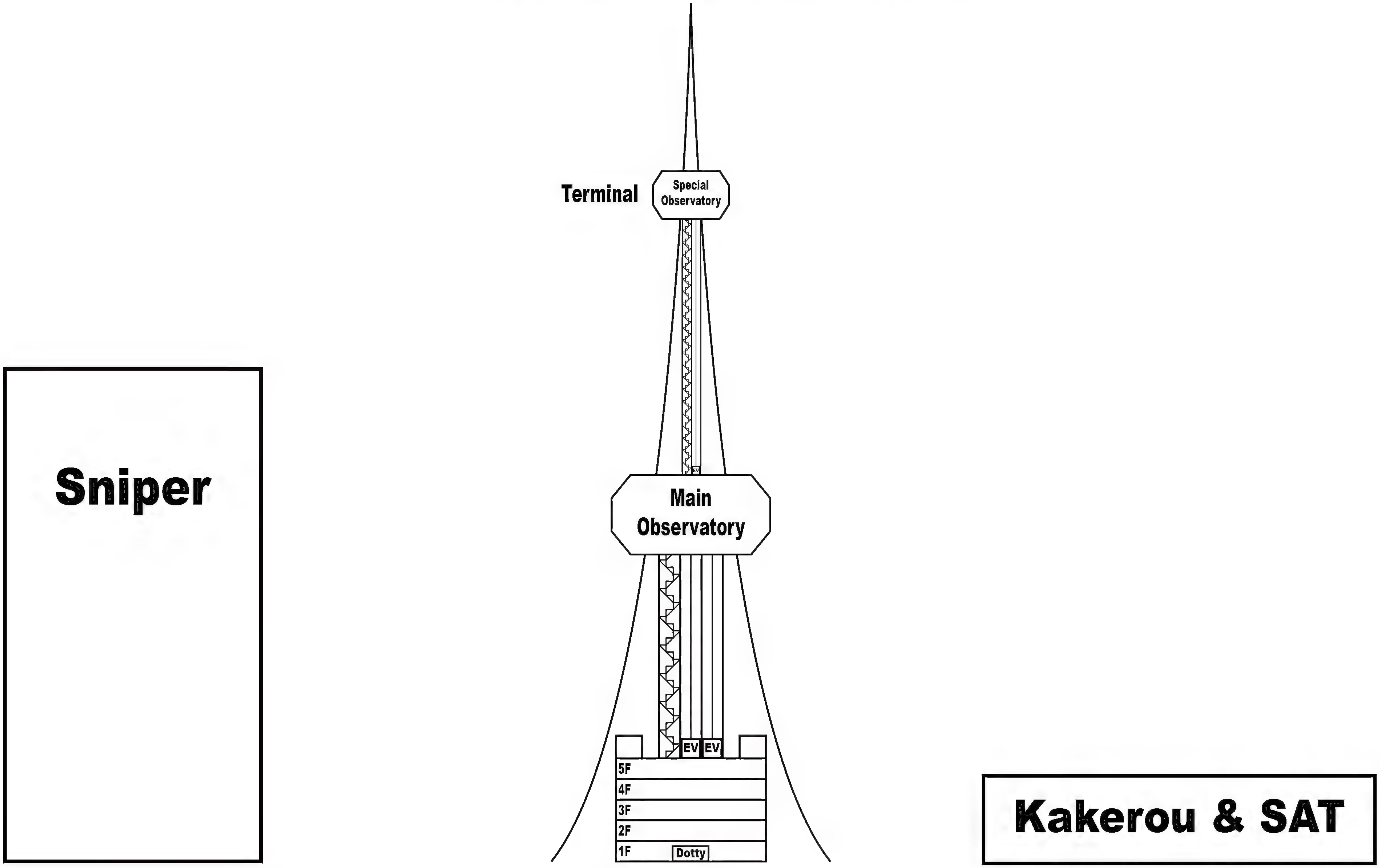

THESE GUESTS ARE VERY IMPATIENT.
THE POLICE HAVE BLOCKED THE AREA, SO WE CAN'T GET ANY INFORMATION ON IT.
THEY KEPT SENDING PEOPLE HERE TO TAKE THE BULLETS.
THEY TOOK 4 ROUNDS EVERY TIME.
WHAT EXACTLY IS HAPPENING IN THE EMPIRE TOWER? BS SHUEI WILL KEEP...
I'M WONDERING WHAT KIND OF BEAST...
CH.244 P.2

1. Ranko/Leo & Caracal/Martin rush to pick up tranquilizer rounds.
2. Ranko, Leo, Caracal, and Martin infiltrate the tower.

3. Baku makes a fake gamble with his life against Yakou (the grenades), to convince him to take the no.0 rank for him.

I HOPE YOU...
WILL TAKE OVER THE NO.0 POSTITION.
CH.203 P.15

The Empire Tower
***It has a similar structure to the Tokyo Tower**

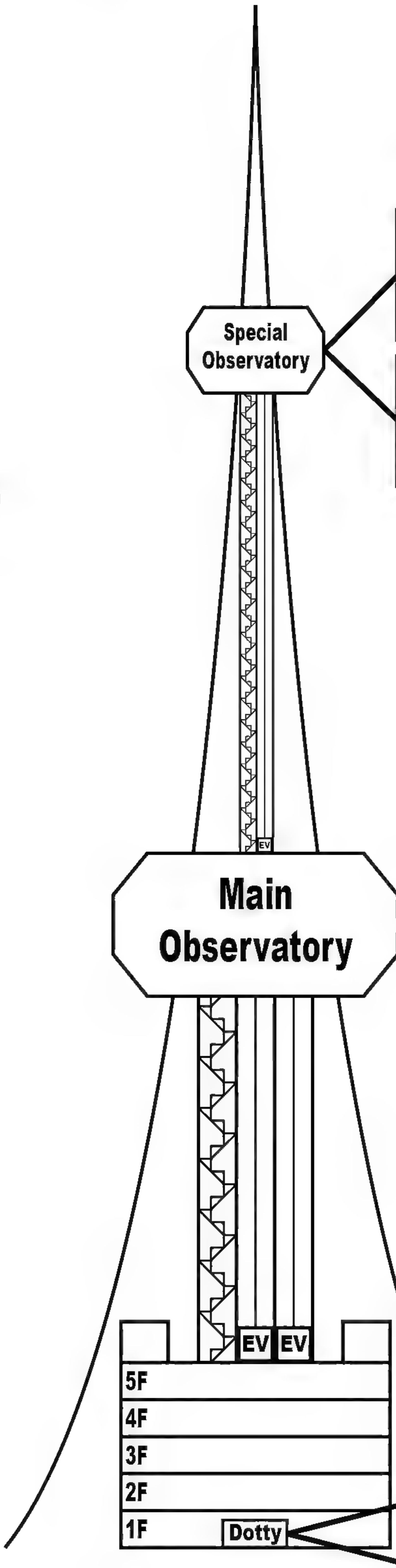


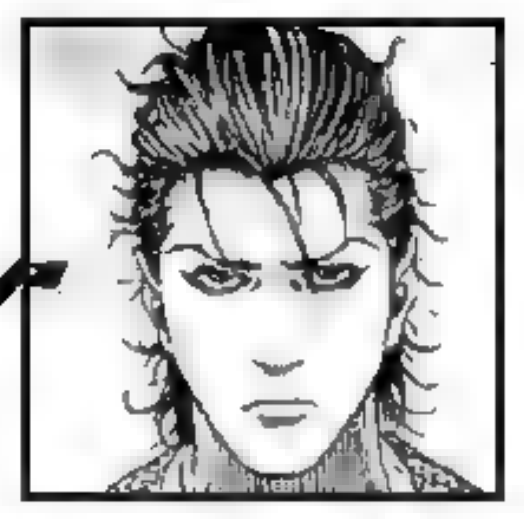
During the 1st round

Holding: 9
Suteguma's number:
~~1~~ ~~2~~ 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ~~10~~

Holding: 9
Baku's number:
~~1~~ ~~2~~ 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

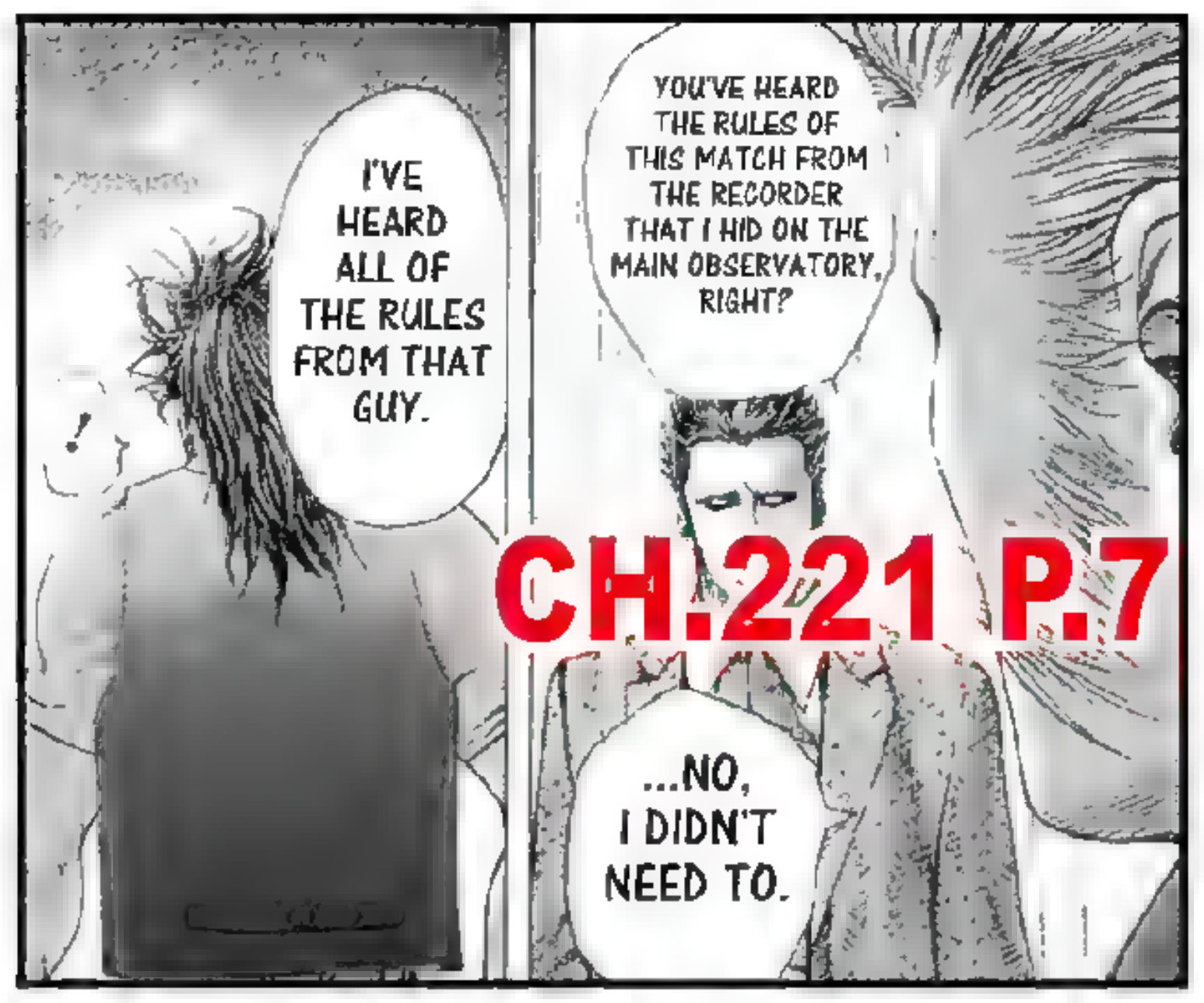
Hiding somewhere in the tower.





Thought that Hyougo was going to enter the password, so went to the special observatory and met Leo, and then waited for Hyougo to come up again at the stairs.

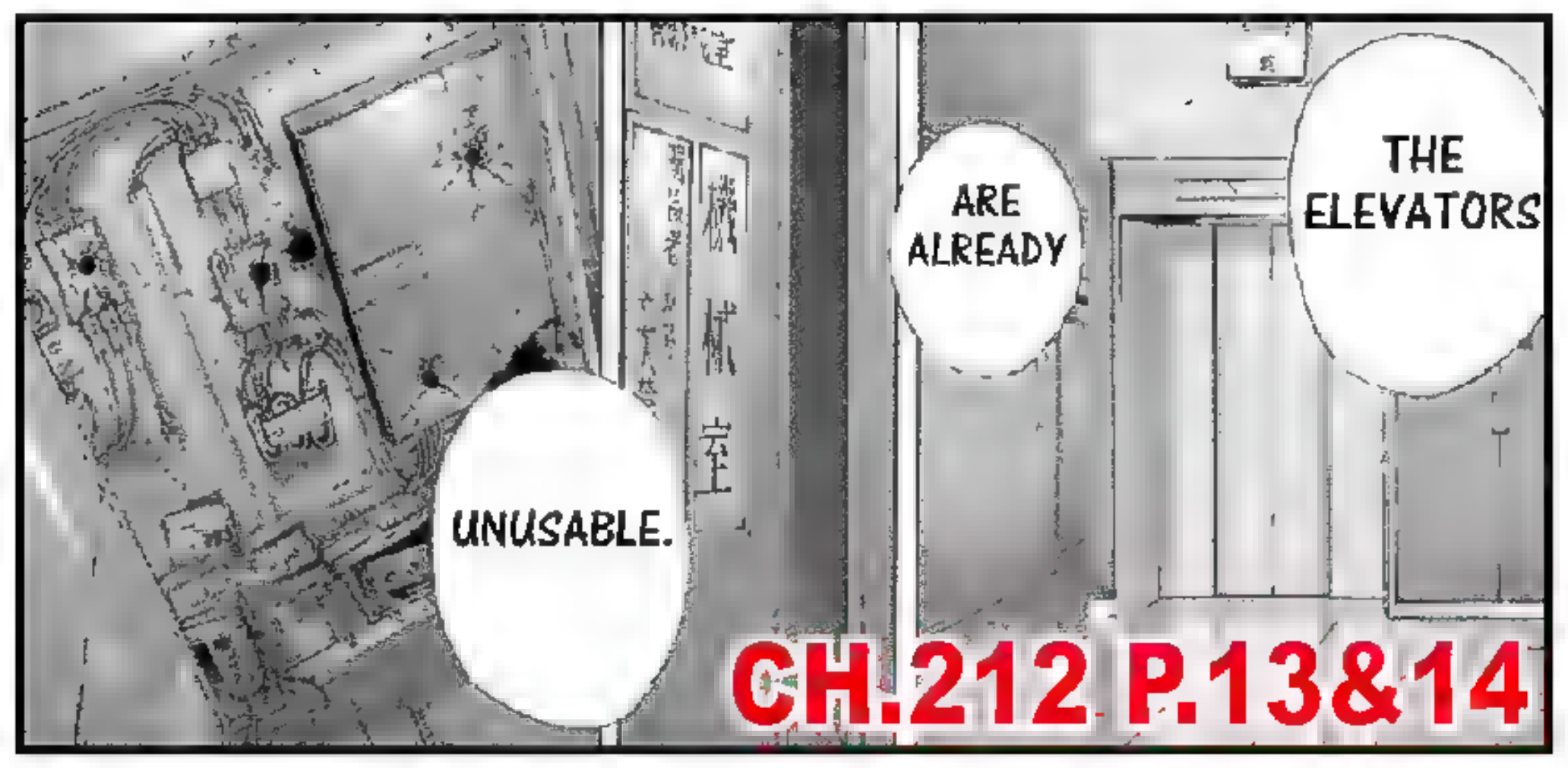
Heard the rules of the match from Marco.


YOU'VE HEARD THE RULES OF THIS MATCH FROM THE RECORDER THAT I HID ON THE MAIN OBSERVATORY, RIGHT?
I'VE HEARD ALL OF THE RULES FROM THAT GUY.
...NO, I DIDN'T NEED TO.

CH.221 P.7

Hid the recorder, which had recorded the rules of the match, at the main observatory, and then disabled the elevators, and finally went back to the 1st floor.

CH.212 P.2



CH.212 P.13&14

Guessed 11 wrong.
Eliminated 2 & 1 & 10 from Suteguma's number.

Guessed 10 wrong.
Eliminated 2 & 1 from Baku's number.

After the 1st round ended

Holding: 9

Suteguma's number:

~~1~~ ~~2~~ 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ~~10~~

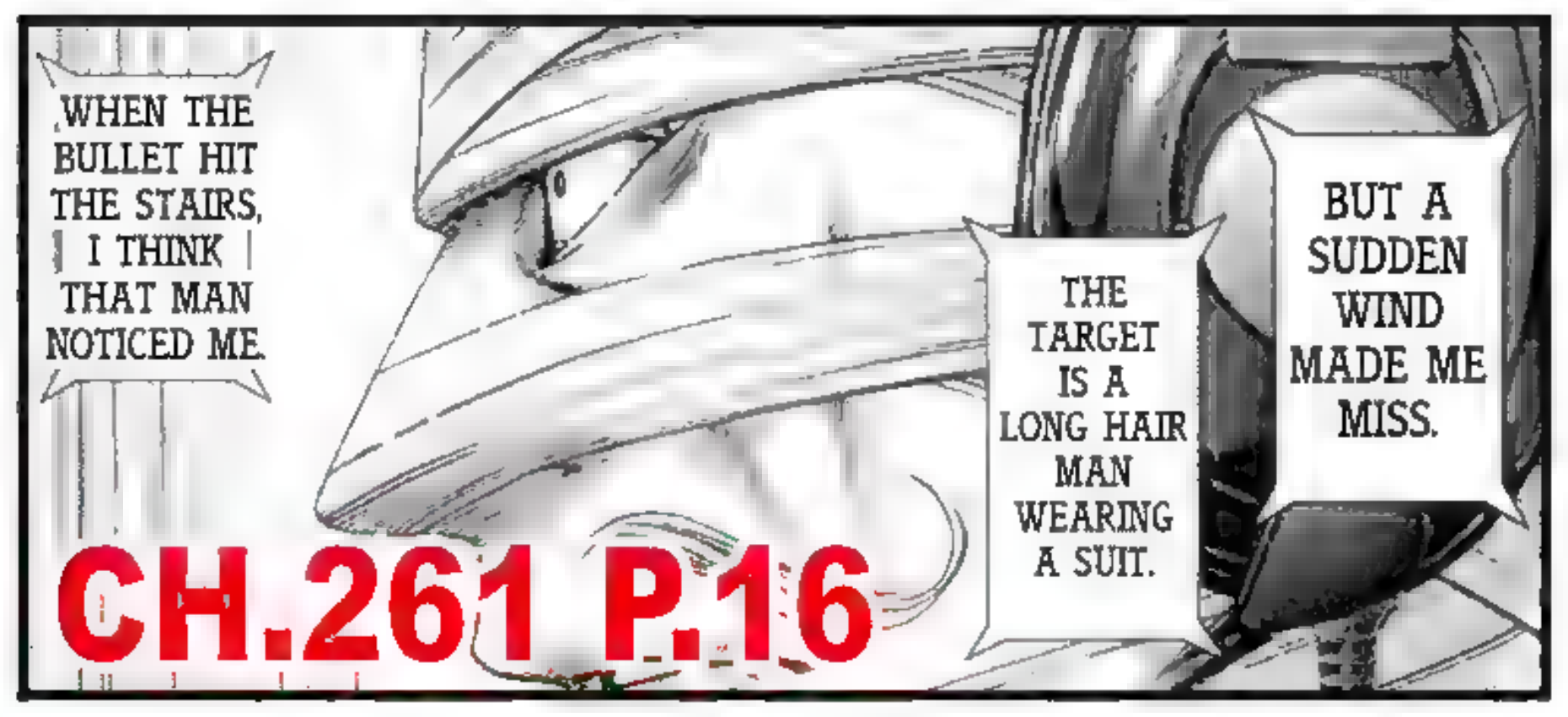
Holding: 9

Baku's number:

~~1~~ ~~2~~ 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

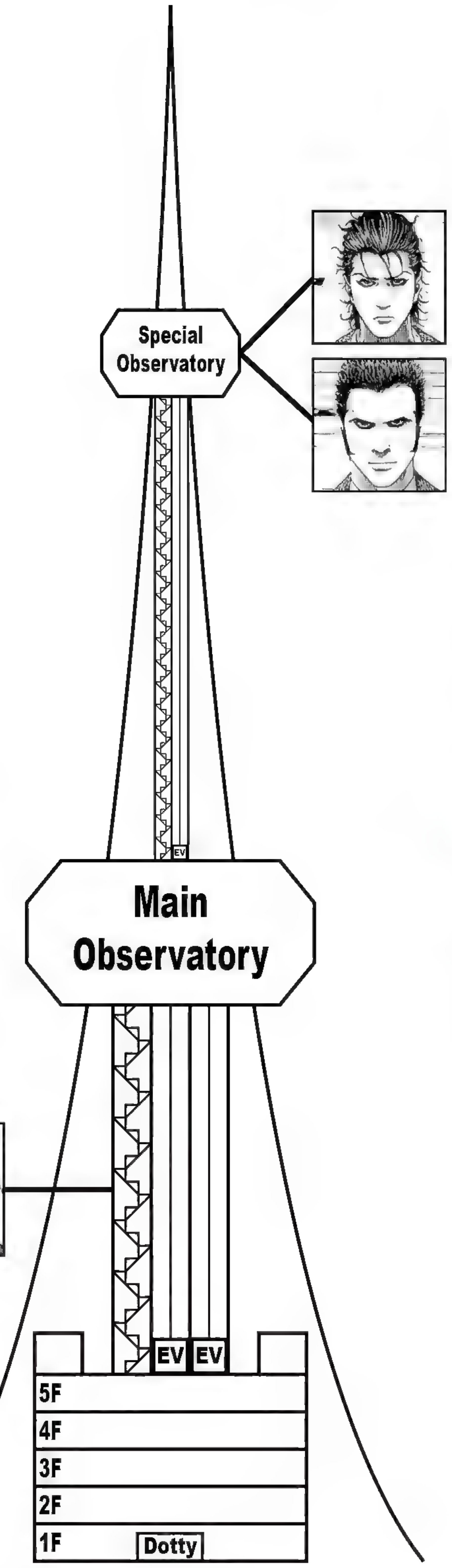
Hiding somewhere in the tower.

Sniper


BUT A SUDDEN WIND MADE ME MISS.
THE TARGET IS A LONG HAIR MAN WEARING A SUIT.
WHEN THE BULLET HIT THE STAIRS, I THINK THAT MAN NOTICED ME.

CH.261 P.16

Told Hyougo to enter 8 as a bluff, and then climbed upwards. Was shot at by the sniper, but they missed, so Suteguma noticed that there's a sniper.

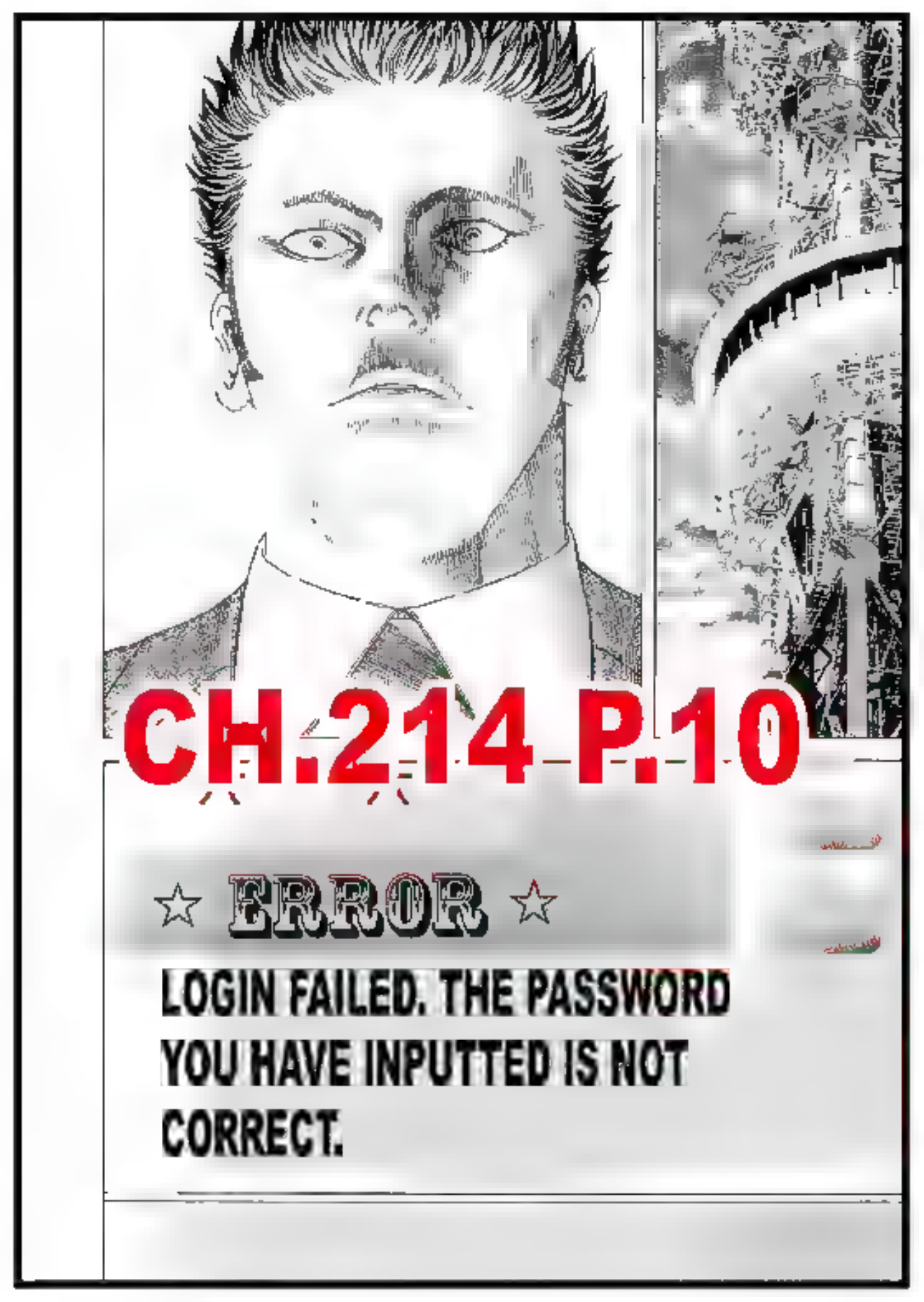


Met Hyougo at the stairs, followed him to watch his input.

Entered 8 wrong.

THE ELEVATORS ARE BROKEN... IN OTHER WORDS,
IF MARCO WAITS AT THE STAIRS, WE'RE BOUND TO MEET.... FOR MARCO, THAT'S SOME GOOD THINKING.

CH.213 P.11


☆ ERROR ☆
LOGIN FAILED. THE PASSWORD YOU HAVE INPUTTED IS NOT CORRECT.

CH.214 P.10

After the 1st round ended

Holding: 9

Suteguma's number:

~~1~~ ~~2~~ 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ~~10~~

Holding: 9

Baku's number:

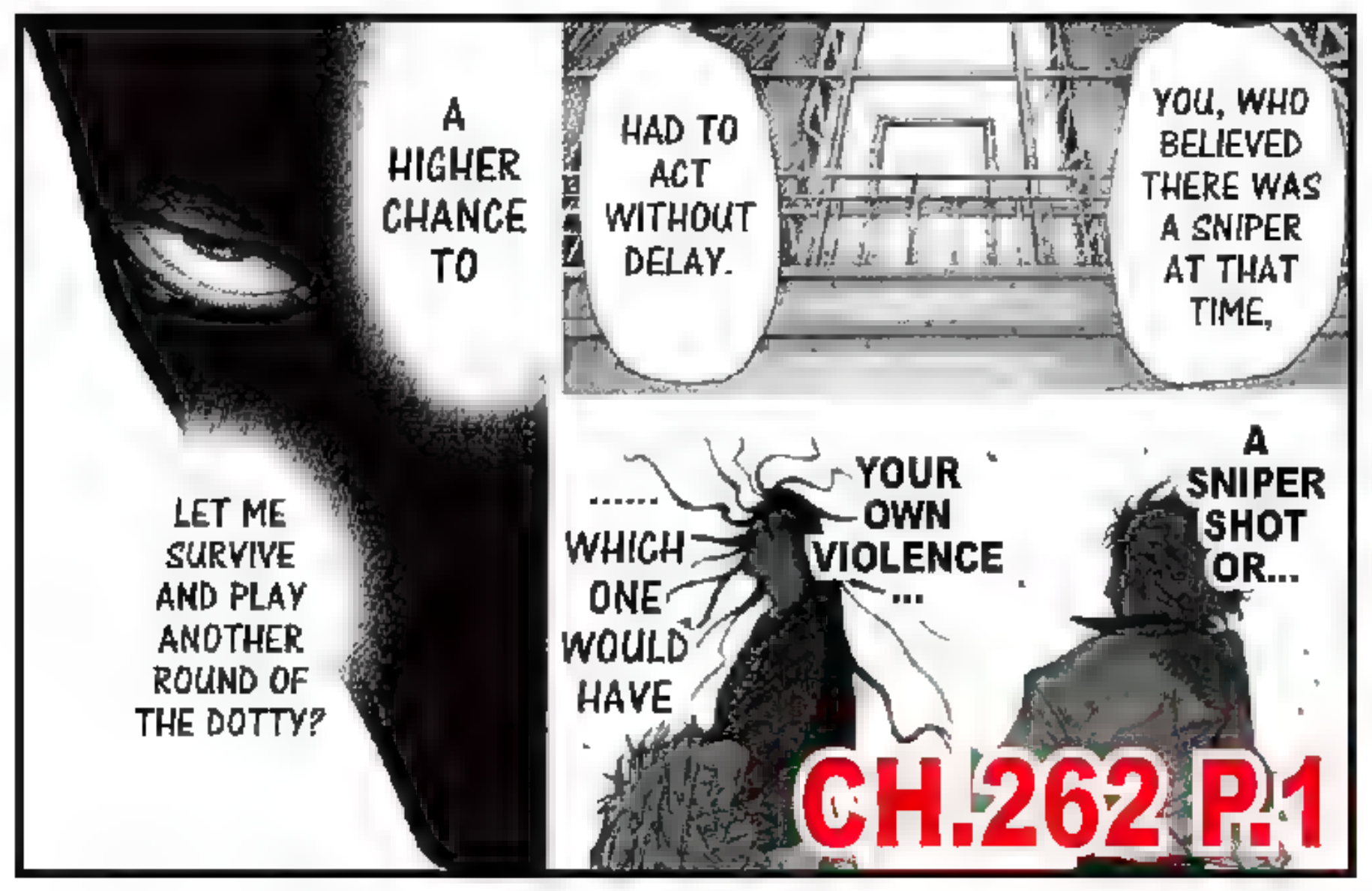
~~1~~ ~~2~~ 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

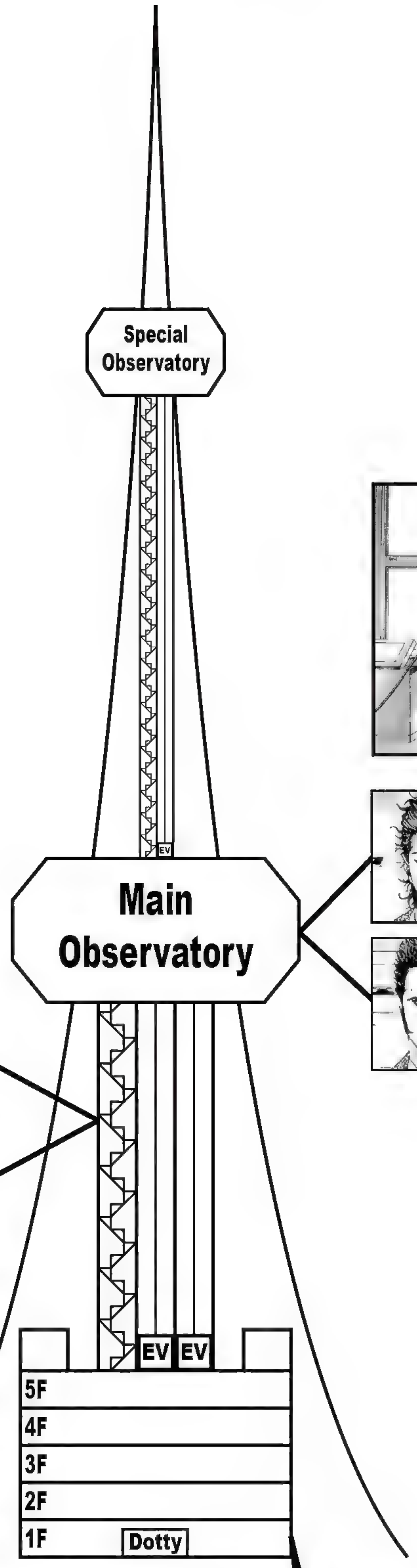
Hiding somewhere in the tower.

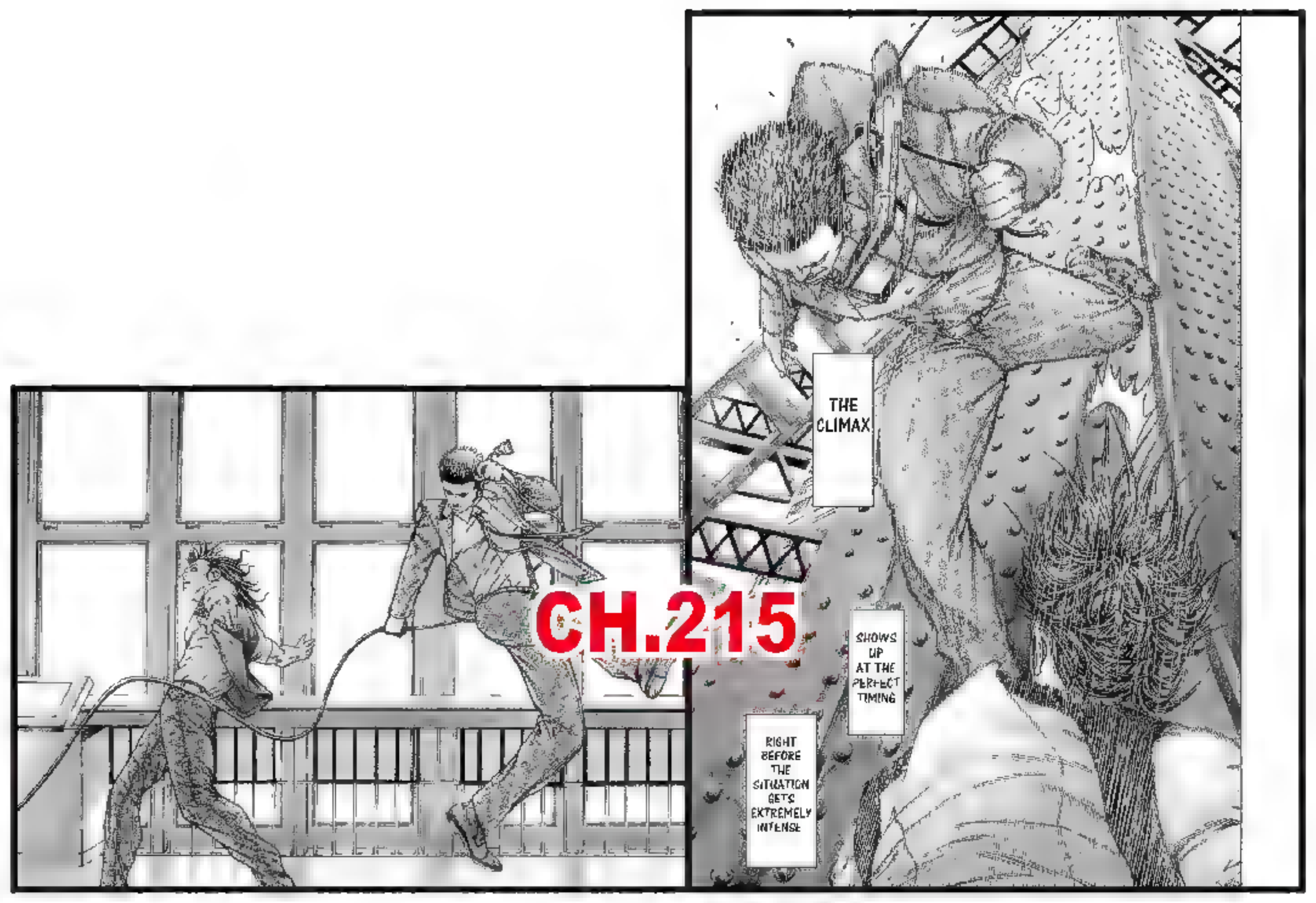
I CHASED YOU FROM BEHIND...
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, AS LONG AS I AM "ALIVE" AND PLAY THE 2ND ROUND,
THEN 8 IS A BLUFF.
CH.261 P.10

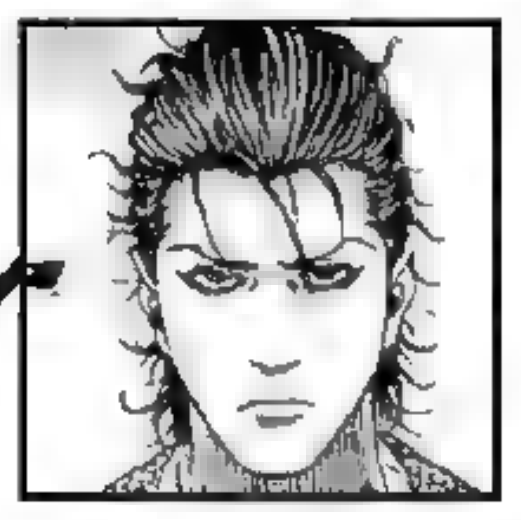
Chased Suteguma from behind, tried to find out if Hyougo's input was a bluff.

In order to let Baku survive, and also disguise Hyougo's input as real, Suteguma started fighting Baku, so that Baku does not get hit by the sniper, and to make it seem like Suteguma is confident that his input is correct. The SAT fired, he misunderstood it as a shot from the sniper, so he looked the sniper's direction.


YOU, WHO BELIEVED THERE WAS A SNIPER AT THAT TIME,
HAD TO ACT WITHOUT DELAY.
A SNIPER SHOT OR...
YOUR OWN VIOLENCE ...
...... WHICH ONE WOULD HAVE
A HIGHER CHANCE TO
LET ME SURVIVE AND PLAY ANOTHER ROUND OF THE DOTTY?
CH.262 P.1

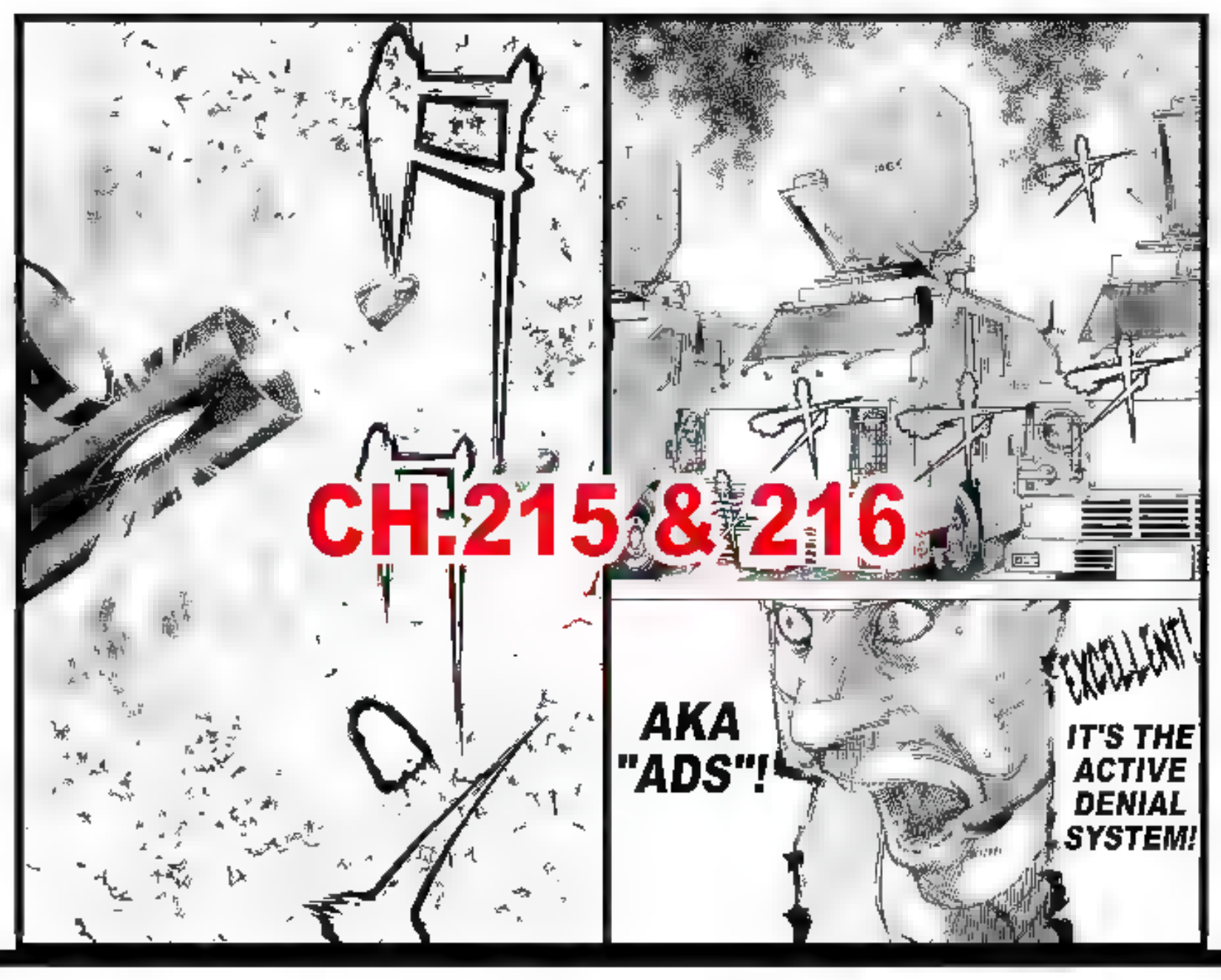



THE CLIMAX
SHOWS UP AT THE PERFECT TIMING
RIGHT BEFORE THE SITUATION GETS EXTREMELY INTENSE
CH.215

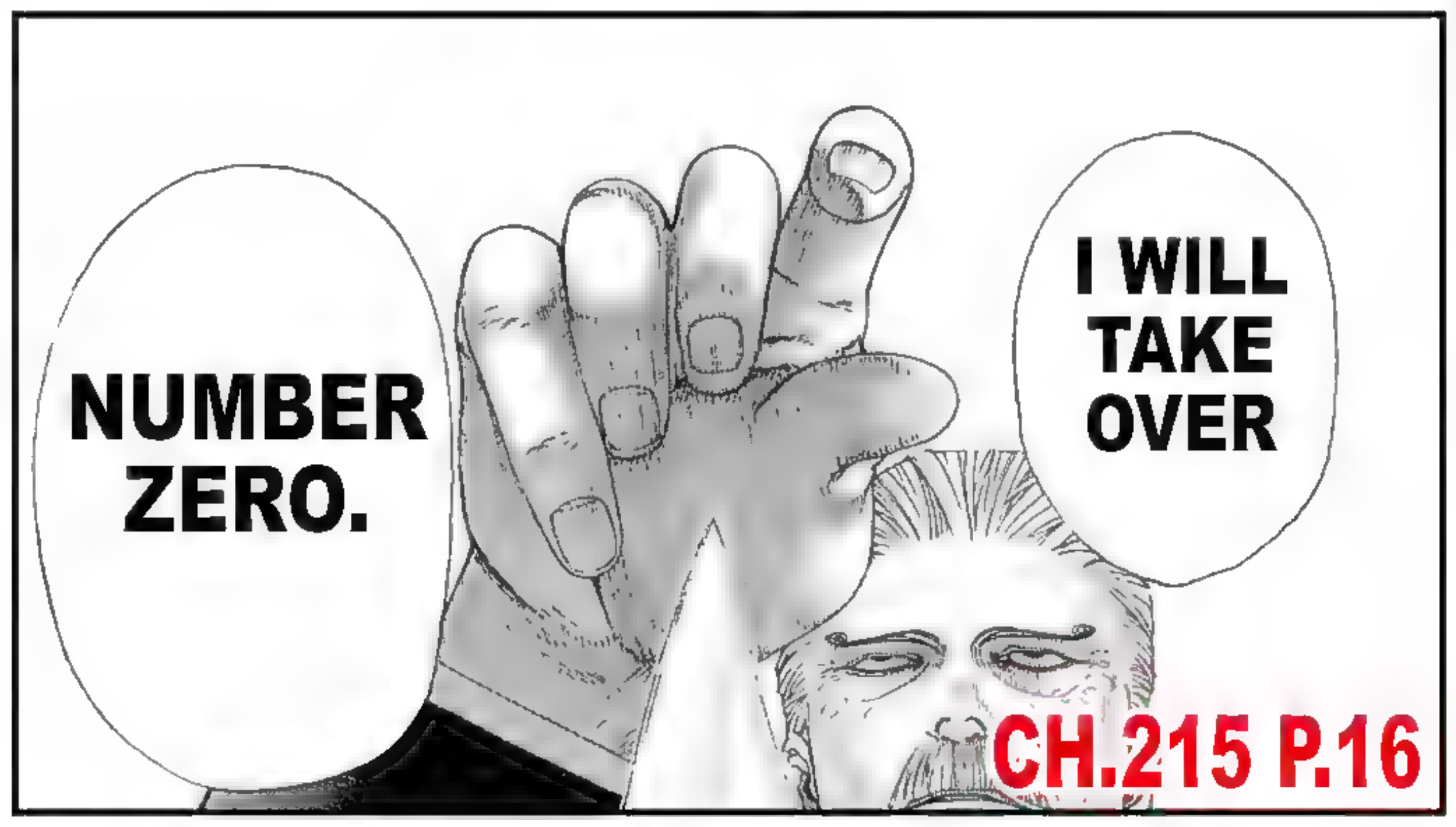


Ran back to the main observatory.

Chased Marco from behind, and started fighting Marco.


EXCELLENT!
IT'S THE ACTIVE DENIAL SYSTEM!
AKA "ADS"!
CH.215 & 216

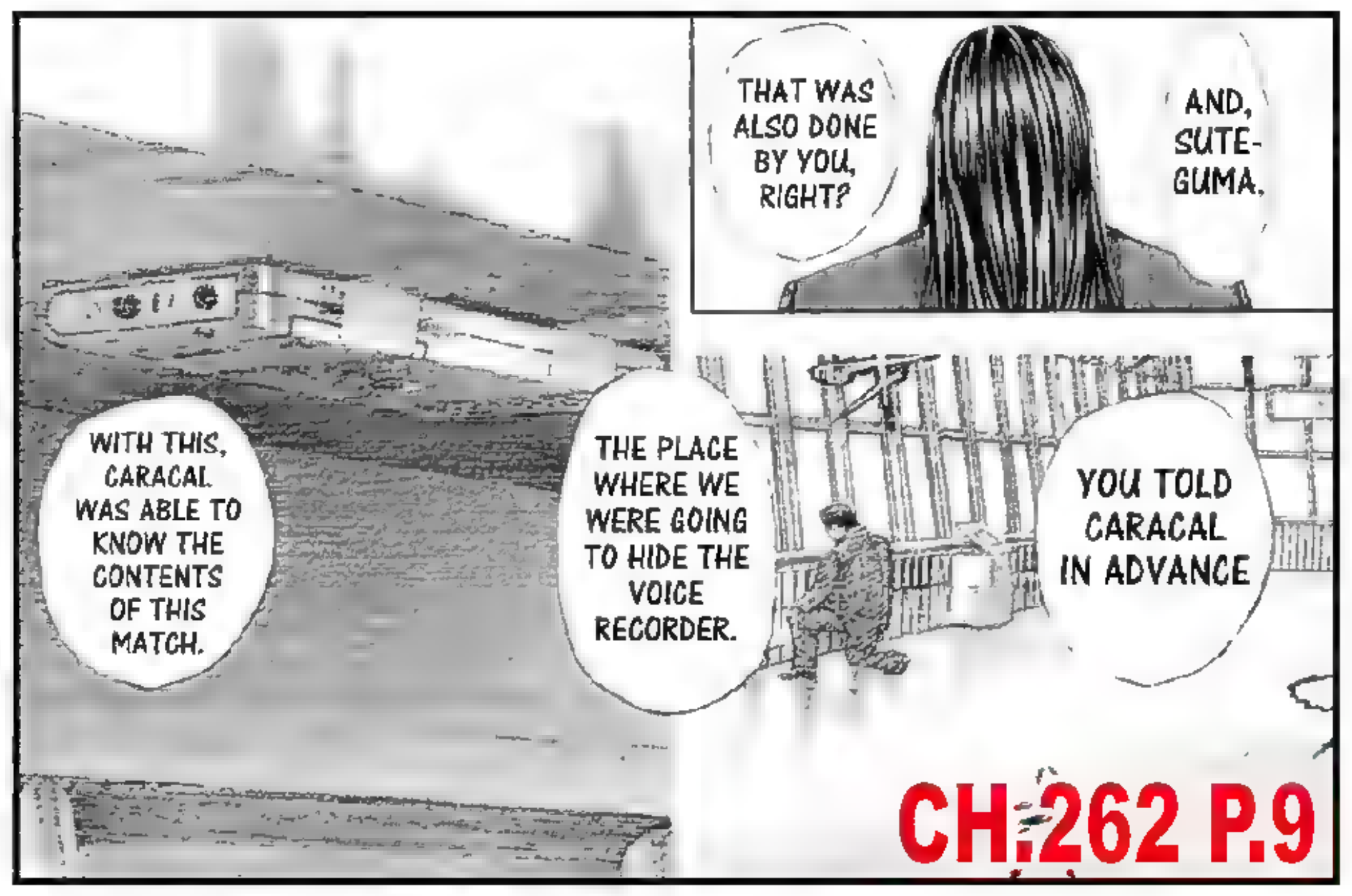
The SAT fired accidentally due to the ADS.



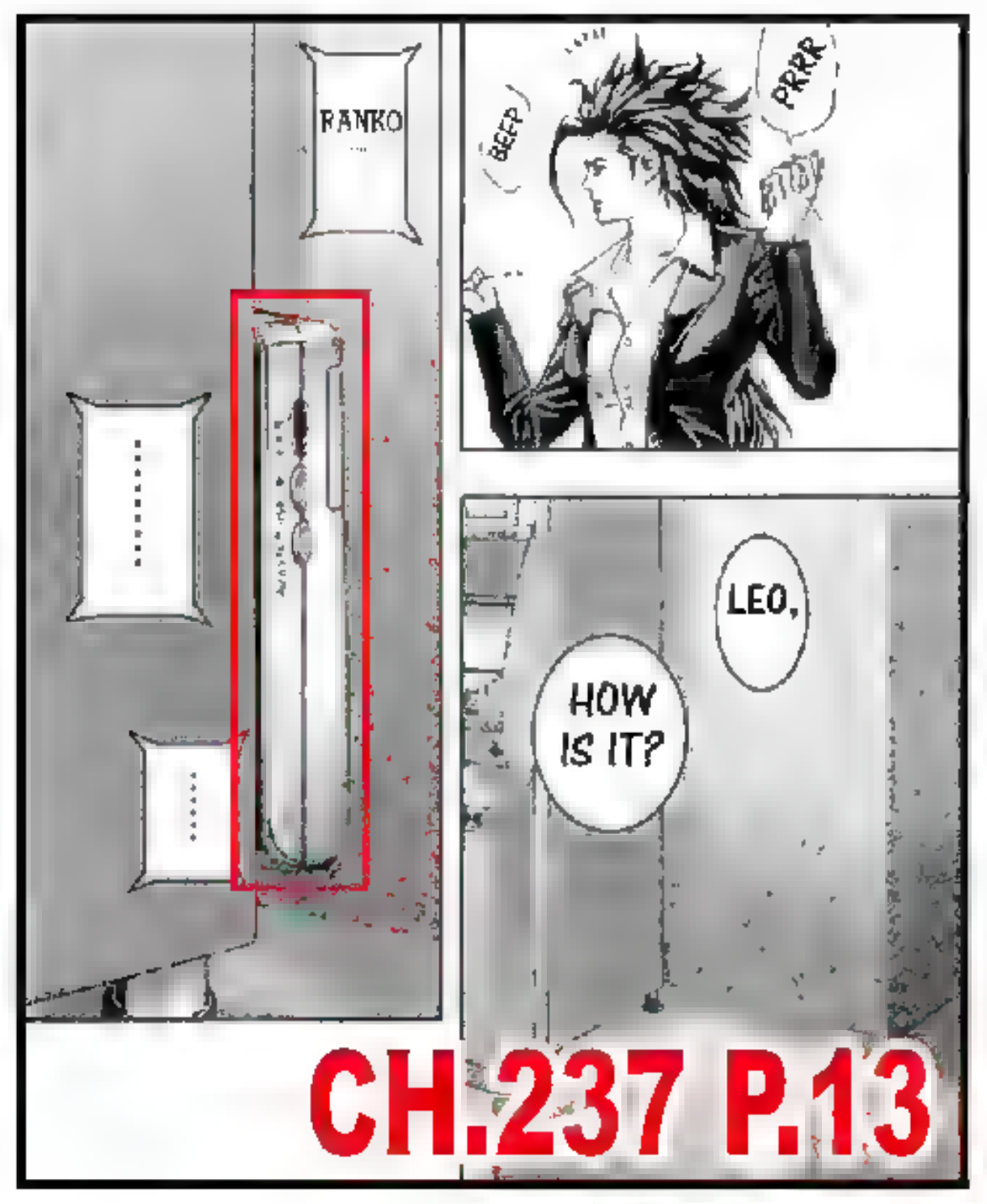
Challenged Tatsuki to a ranking battle.

Gave Yakou the number zero, and then challenged Yakou.

After the 1st round ended


AND, SUTE-GUMA.
THAT WAS ALSO DONE BY YOU, RIGHT?
YOU TOLD CARACAL IN ADVANCE
THE PLACE WHERE WE WERE GOING TO HIDE THE VOICE RECORDER.
WITH THIS, CARACAL WAS ABLE TO KNOW THE CONTENTS OF THIS MATCH.

CH.262 P.9



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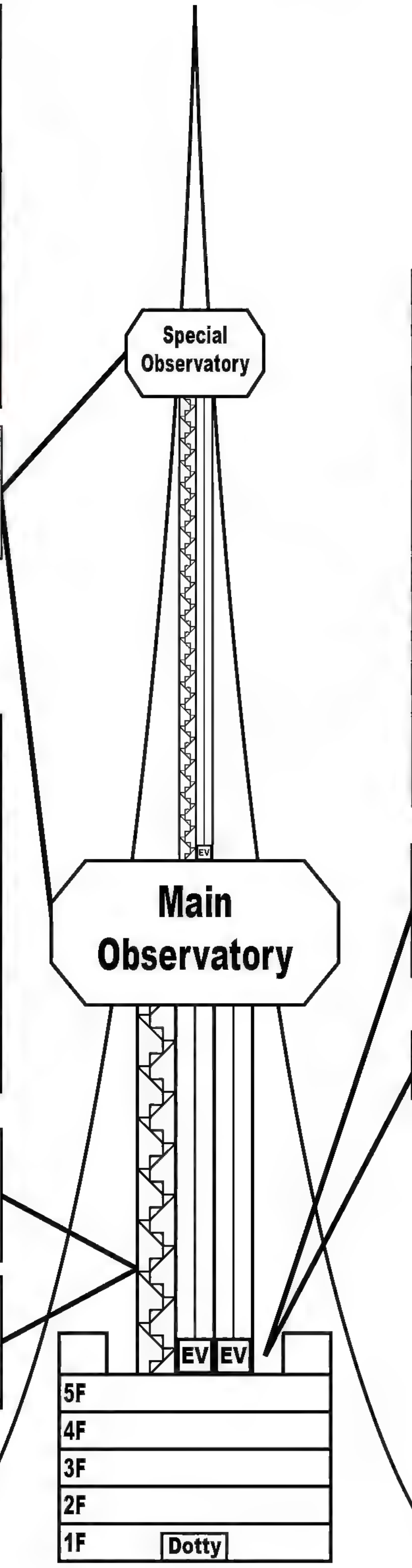
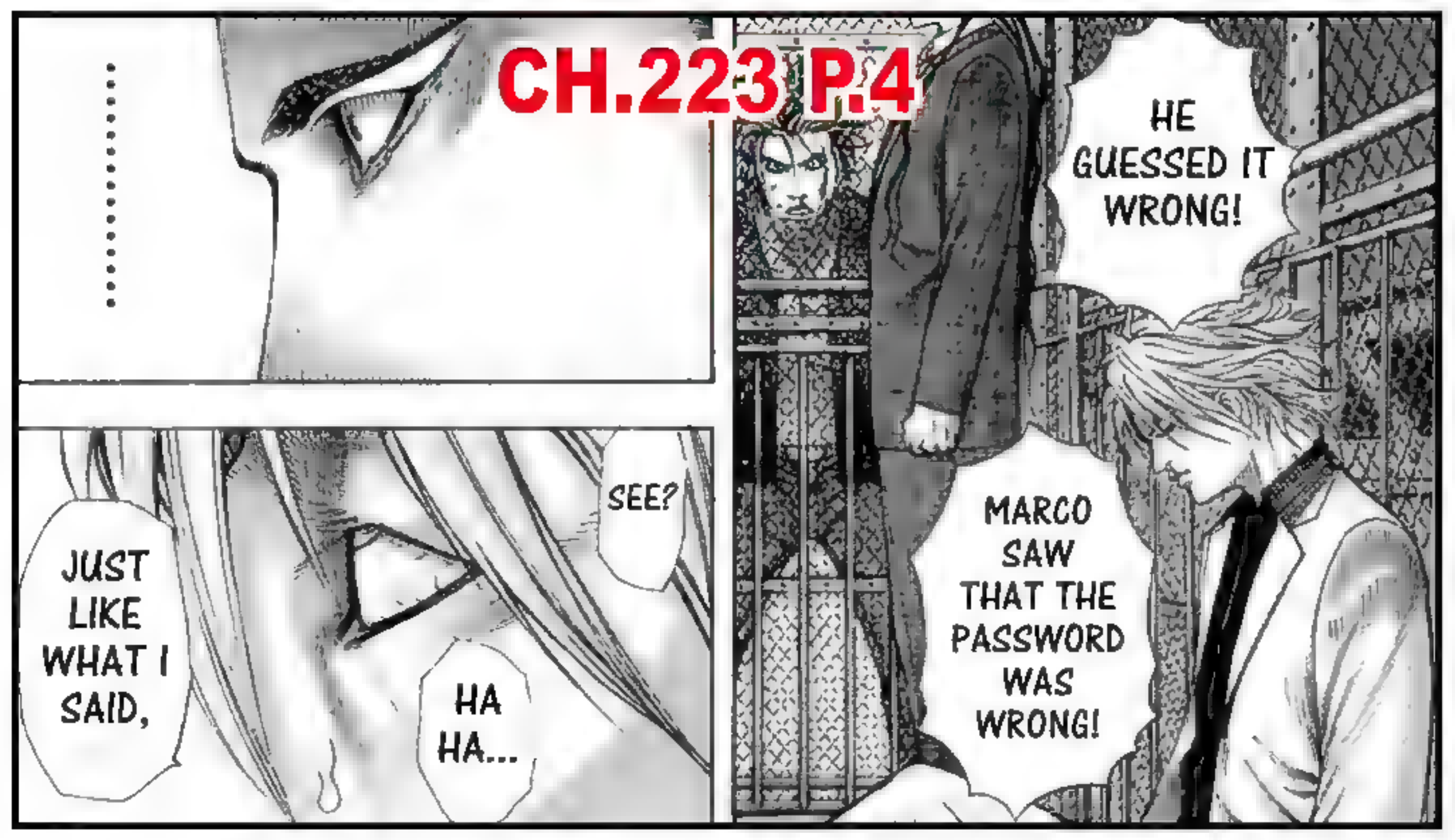
Suteguma had already told Billy before the match that the recorder would be hidden at the main observatory, so he took the recorder and got the contents of the match, and then placed the recorder on the terminal at the special obervatory.




HE GUESSED IT WRONG!
MARCO SAW THAT THE PASSWORD WAS WRONG!
......
SEE?
JUST LIKE WHAT I SAID,
HA HA...

CH.223 P.4

CH.223 P.18

Resisted and fell to a lower location, and then was found by Marco.

Marco said that the password was wrong, so Suteguma didn't need to act like he is trying to kill Baku anymore. Then he stabbed Baku's left eye.

CH. 222 P.18

CH.223 P.13 & 14

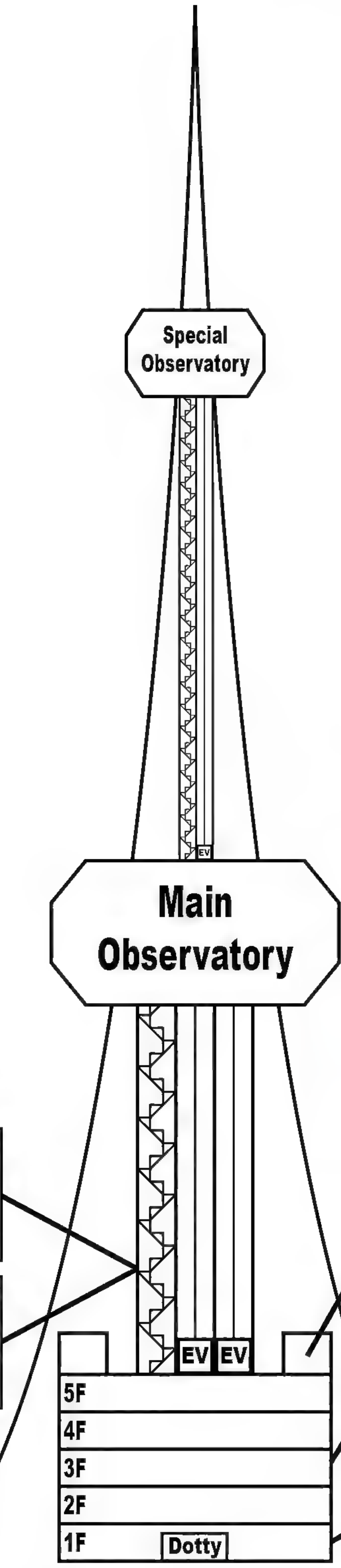
Fell on the roof of the building under the tower, started fighting Leo and Hyougo, and then when he was trying to run away, he found Baku and Suteguma.

When Suteguma was going to stab Baku's eye, they restarted fighting Marco, and then Hyougo was knocked off of the building by Marco.

CH.225

Yakou Jouichi VS. Randou Kouhei
Hyougo fell from the building.
Yakou was knocked out by Randou.

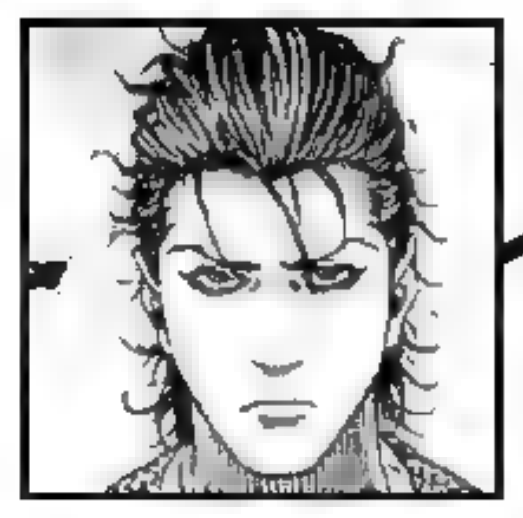
After the 1st round ended



MARCO,
WHERE ARE THE POLICE AND THE "SAT"?
CH.224 P.10

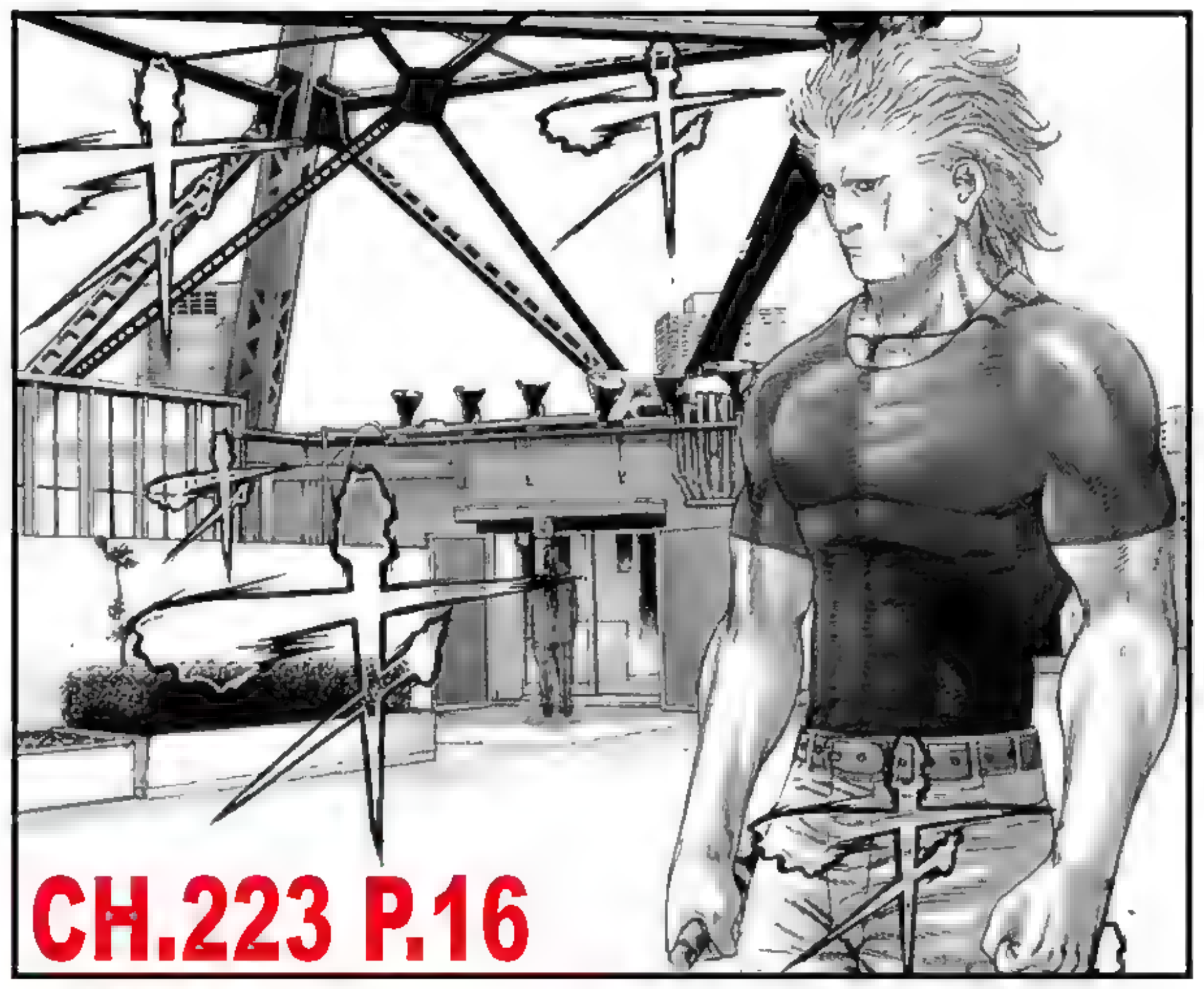
CH.261 P.15

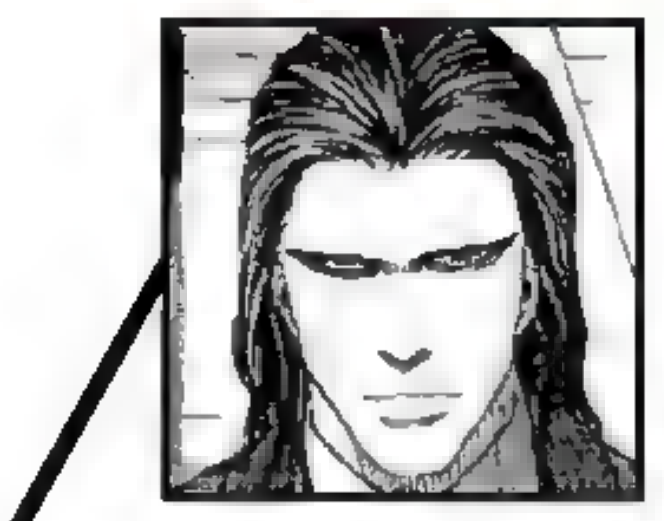
Had Marco check where Kakerou and the SAT is, and what was at the direction where Suteguma looked at, and then found the sniper.
And then told Marco the plan:
show the beads and message to Kurama-gumi, then drop the doll into the elevator, and don't enter the number that Baku says to enter.



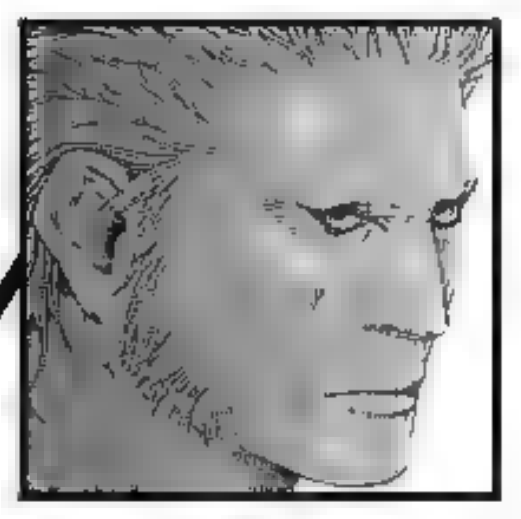
After memorizing the plan,
went back to 1st floor with Baku.

AND THEN, MARCO WILL TELL BAKU NIICHAN THE WRONGLY ENTERED PASSWORD
AND THEN
THE PASSWORD BAKU-NIICHAN TELLS MARCO...
MARCO WON'T ENTER IT.
THAT PASSWORD CANNOT BE ENTERED...
CORRECT?
P—
AFTER PUSHING THE DOLL FROM THE ELEVATOR... AND THEN? WHAT SHOULD YOU DO NEXT, MARCO?
MARCO WILL
BE ON STANDBY ON THE FIRST FLOOR.
CH.262 P.14


CH.223 P.16



Because of the sniping,
Suteguma took the opposite stairs to go back to 1st floor.



Went back inside the building and called Ranko.

Went back inside the building and waited for Suteguma.

LEO,
IT'S ALREADY A MIRACLE THAT WE COULD INFILTRATE THE TOWER SO QUICKLY WITH SO MUCH GOING AROUND.
THAT SOUNDS REASONABLE.
I DOUBT THAT USOGUI TOOK MEASURES AGAINST US IN ADVANCE...
BY THE WAY WHERE IN THE TOWER DID USOGUI AND SUTEGUMA..?
IN THE STAIRS FROM THE ROOF OF THE BUILDING UNDER THE TOWER.
I'M CURRENTLY IN THE BUILDING.
CH.227 P.2

...
REFEREE KIRUMA,
DID SUTEGUMA AND THE OTHERS COME BACK ALREADY?
CH.226 P.18

During the 2nd round

✕ The number that was eliminated in the 1st round.

Holding: 9

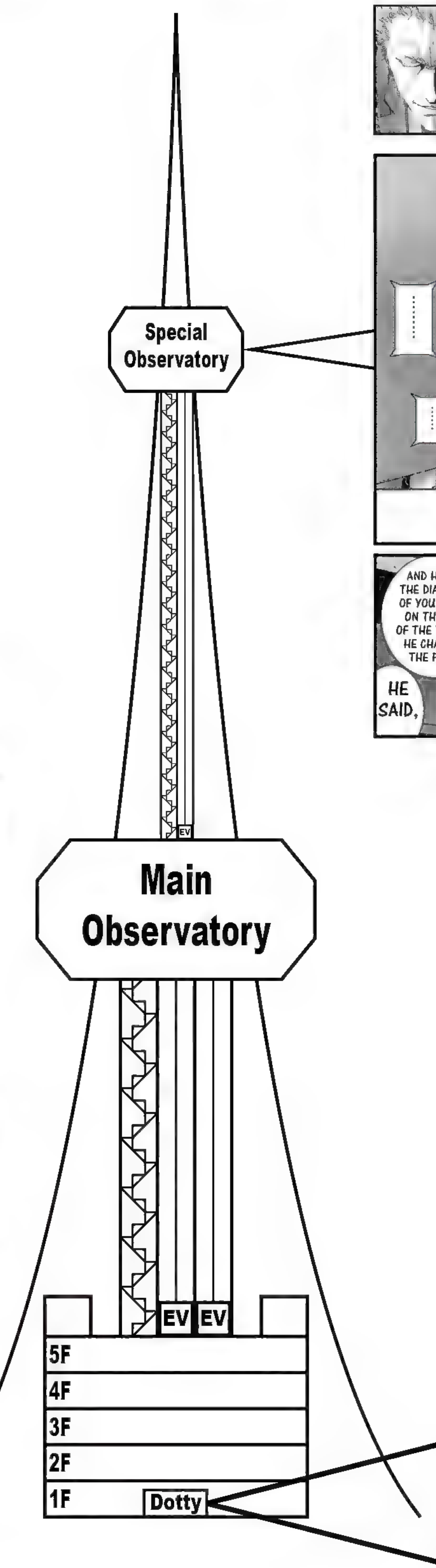
Suteguma's number:

~~1~~ ~~2~~ ~~3~~ 4 ~~5~~ 6 7 8 9 ~~10~~

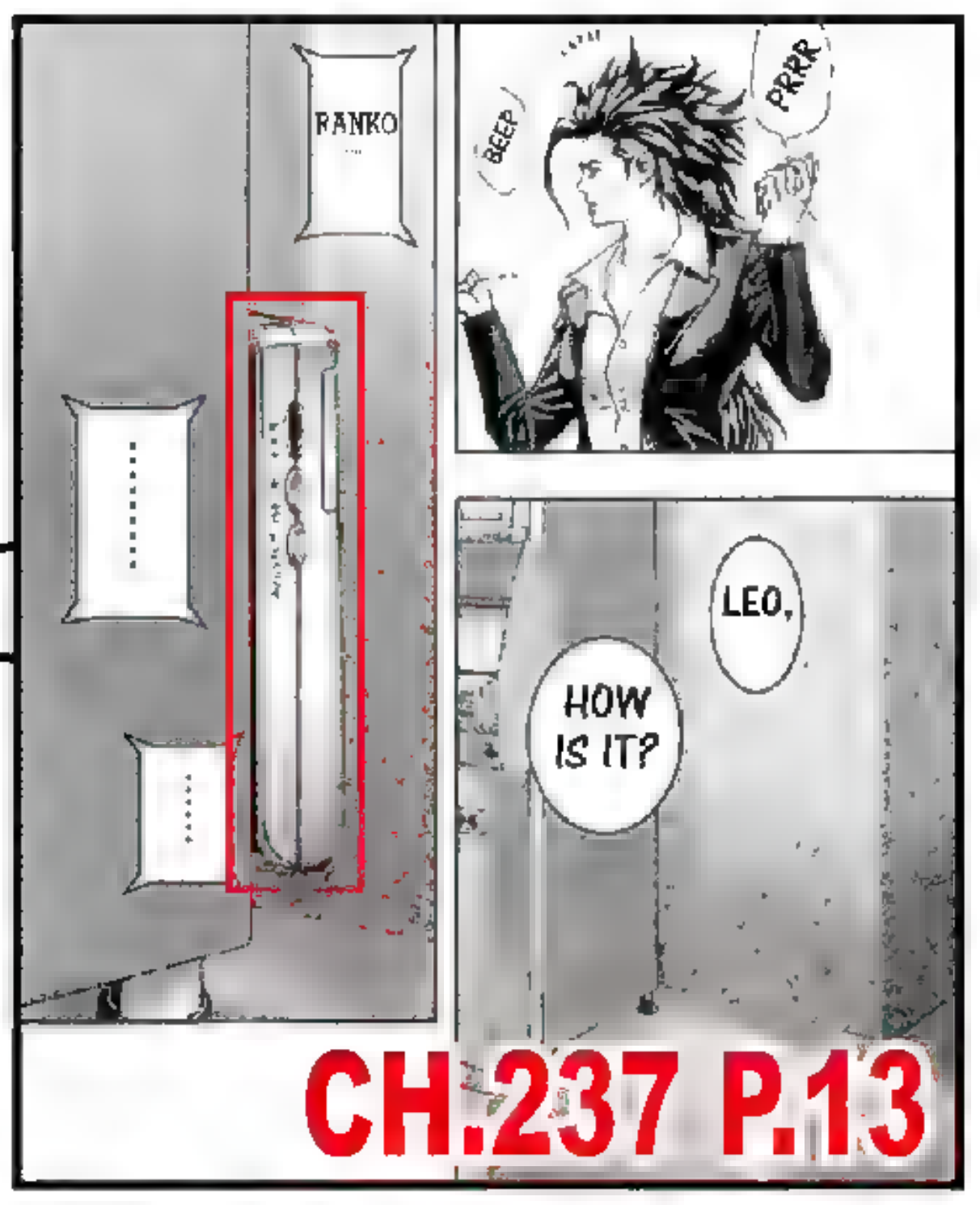
Holding: 9

Baku's number:

~~1~~ ~~2~~ ~~3~~ 4 ~~5~~ 6 7 8 9 10



The recorder he set on the terminal before recorded the conversation between Ranko and Leo. After listening to it, Billy decided to fight Kurama-gumi.



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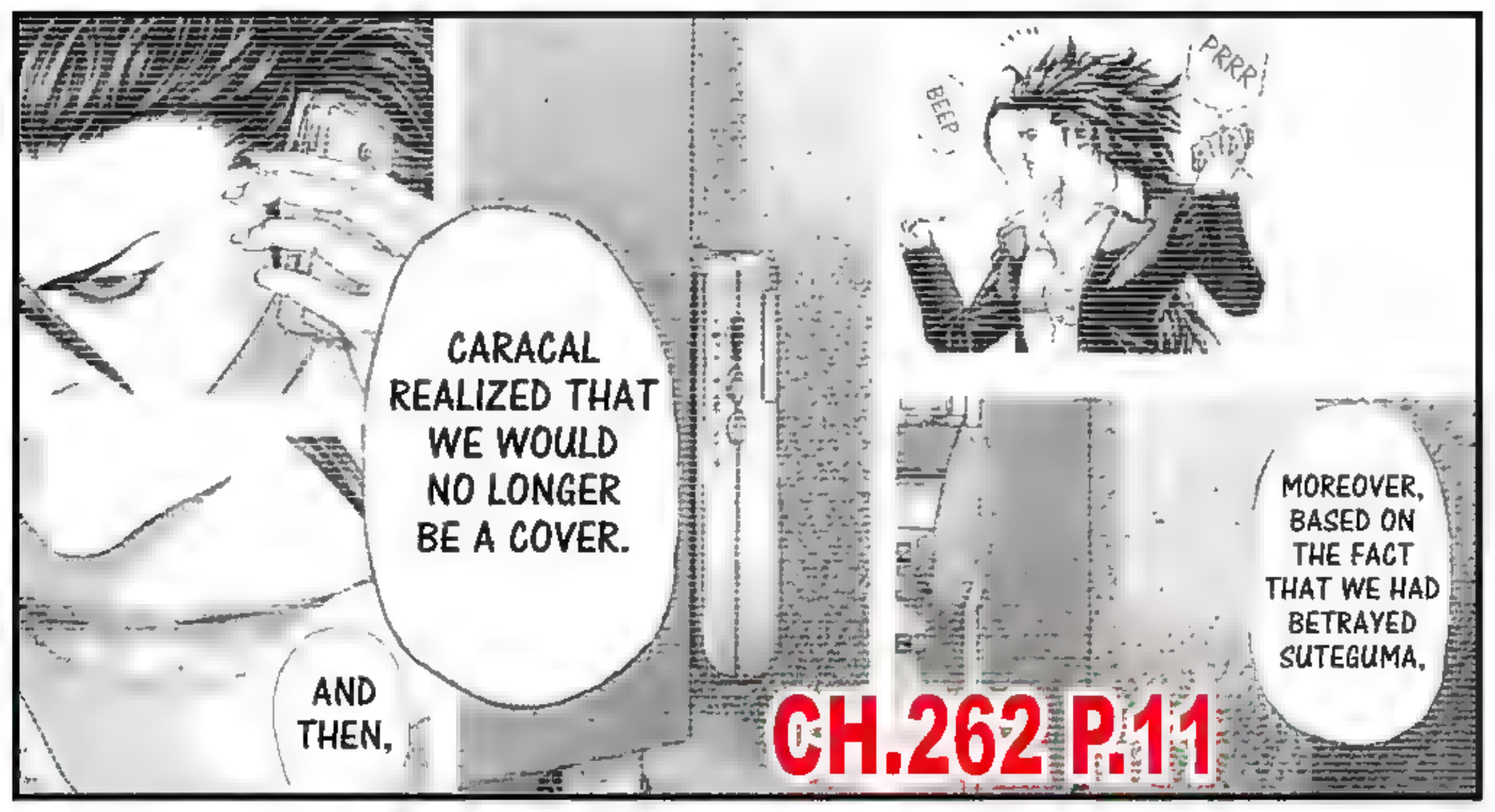
PRRR
BEEP
MOREOVER, BASED ON THE FACT THAT WE HAD BETRAYED SUTEGUMA,
CARACAL REALIZED THAT WE WOULD NO LONGER BE A COVER.
AND THEN,

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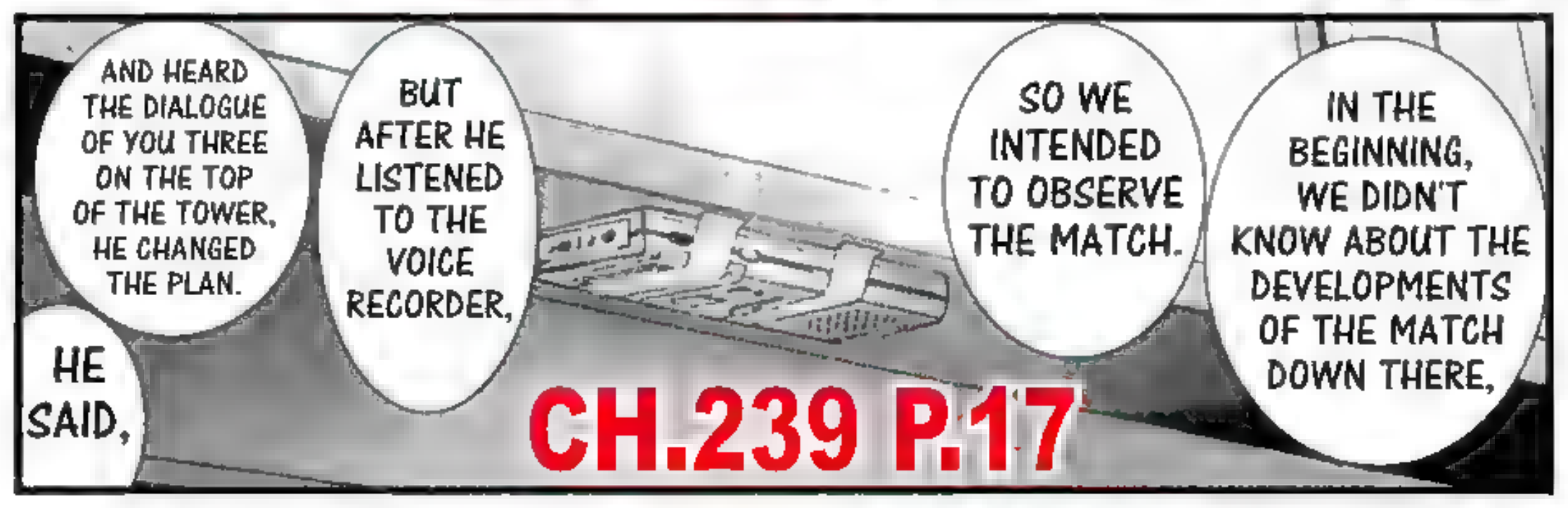
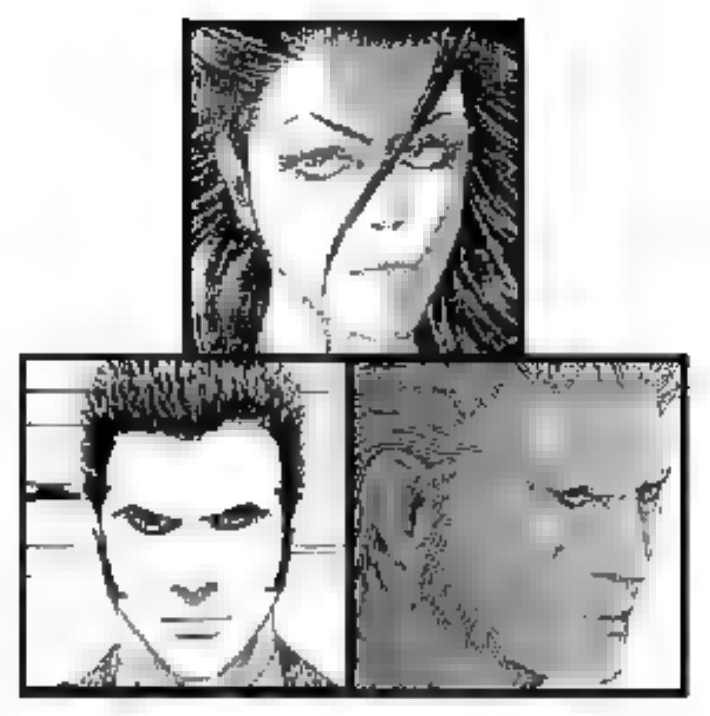
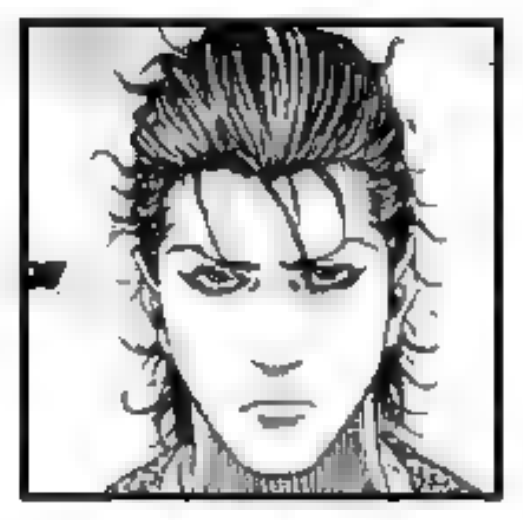

IN THE BEGINNING, WE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE MATCH DOWN THERE,
SO WE INTENDED TO OBSERVE THE MATCH.
BUT AFTER HE LISTENED TO THE VOICE RECORDER,
AND HEARD THE DIALOGUE OF YOU THREE ON THE TOP OF THE TOWER, HE CHANGED THE PLAN.
HE SAID,

CH.239 P.17

After Ranko read Baku's message, she went to the terminal with Hyougo and Marco, and sent Leo to the main observatory to check the recorder. After she heard Leo say that the recorder was gone, she decided not to trust Suteguma. And then told Marco that the wrongly entered number was 8.



Gave Ranko the message and beads at the stairs, and then was told that the wrongly entered number was 8. Went back to the 1st floor.



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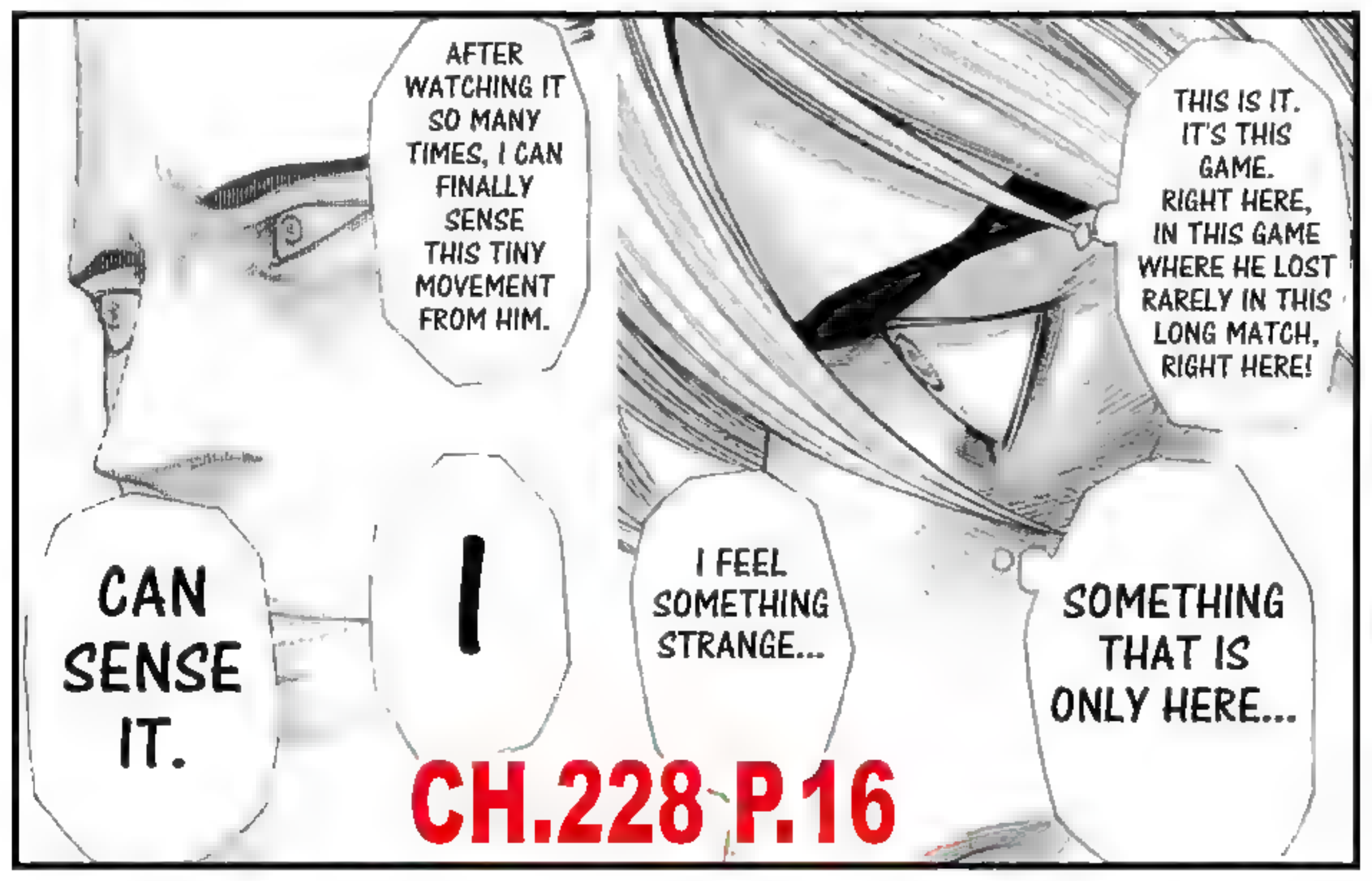
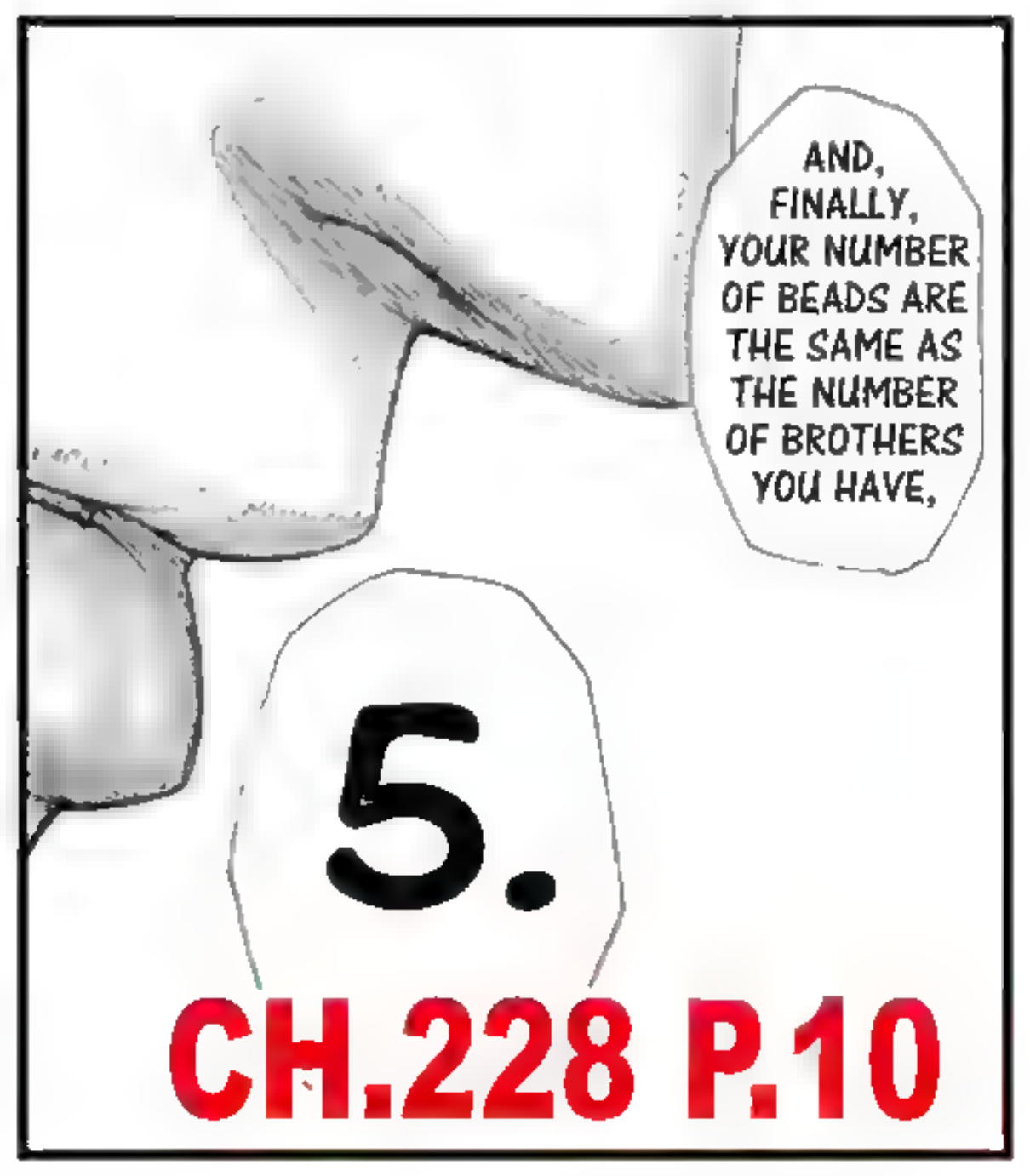

THIS IS IT. IT'S THIS GAME. RIGHT HERE, IN THIS GAME WHERE HE LOST RARELY IN THIS LONG MATCH, RIGHT HERE!
SOMETHING THAT IS ONLY HERE...
I FEEL SOMETHING STRANGE...
I
AFTER WATCHING IT SO MANY TIMES, I CAN FINALLY SENSE THIS TINY MOVEMENT FROM HIM.
CAN SENSE IT.

CH.228 P.16


AND, FINALLY, YOUR NUMBER OF BEADS ARE THE SAME AS THE NUMBER OF BROTHERS YOU HAVE,
5.

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When mentioning the number 5, the fake habit of Suteguma showed up, but Baku didn't buy it. Guessed 12 wrong. Eliminated 3 & 5 from Suteguma's number.

If Baku fell into the habit trap, then Baku guessing 12 means that Baku's number was 7, but it's not absolute, so he decided to guess 14, and it was wrong. Eliminated 3 & 5 from Baku's number.

After the 2nd round ended

✕ The number that was eliminated in the 1st round.

Holding: 9

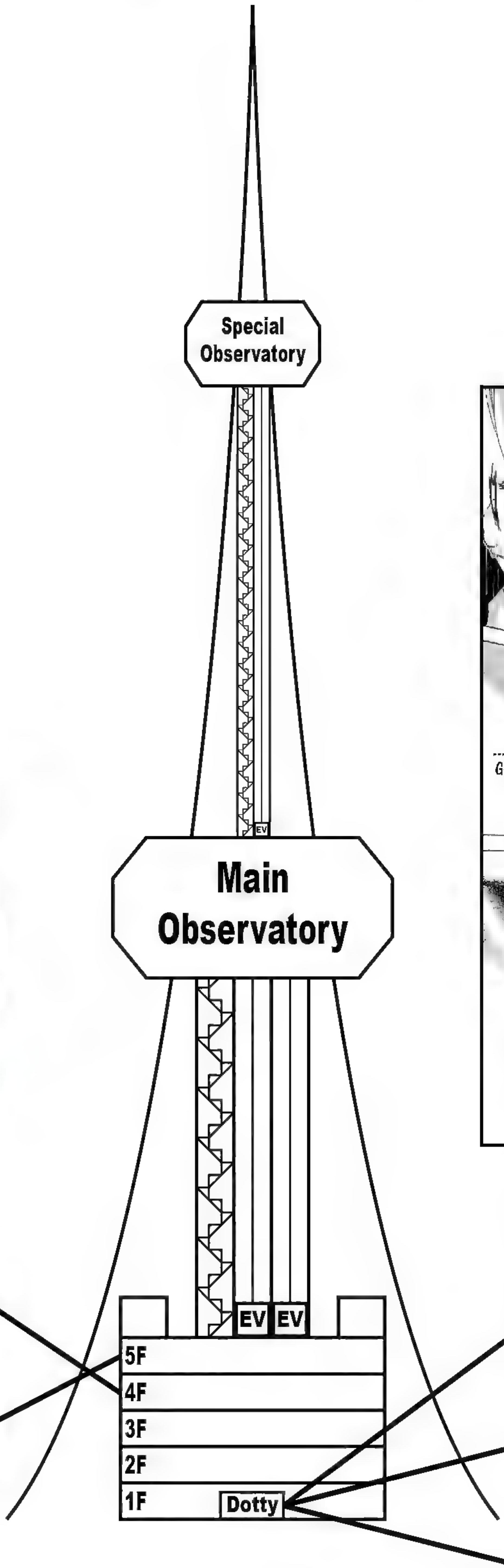
Suteguma's number:

~~1~~ ~~2~~ ~~3~~ 4 ~~5~~ 6 7 8 9 ~~10~~

Holding: 9

Baku's number:

~~1~~ ~~2~~ ~~3~~ 4 ~~5~~ 6 7 8 9 10



COME ON!
LET'S DO THIS!! THE LAST GAME!!
...THIS GUY...
!
I SEE.
SO THIS IS IT...

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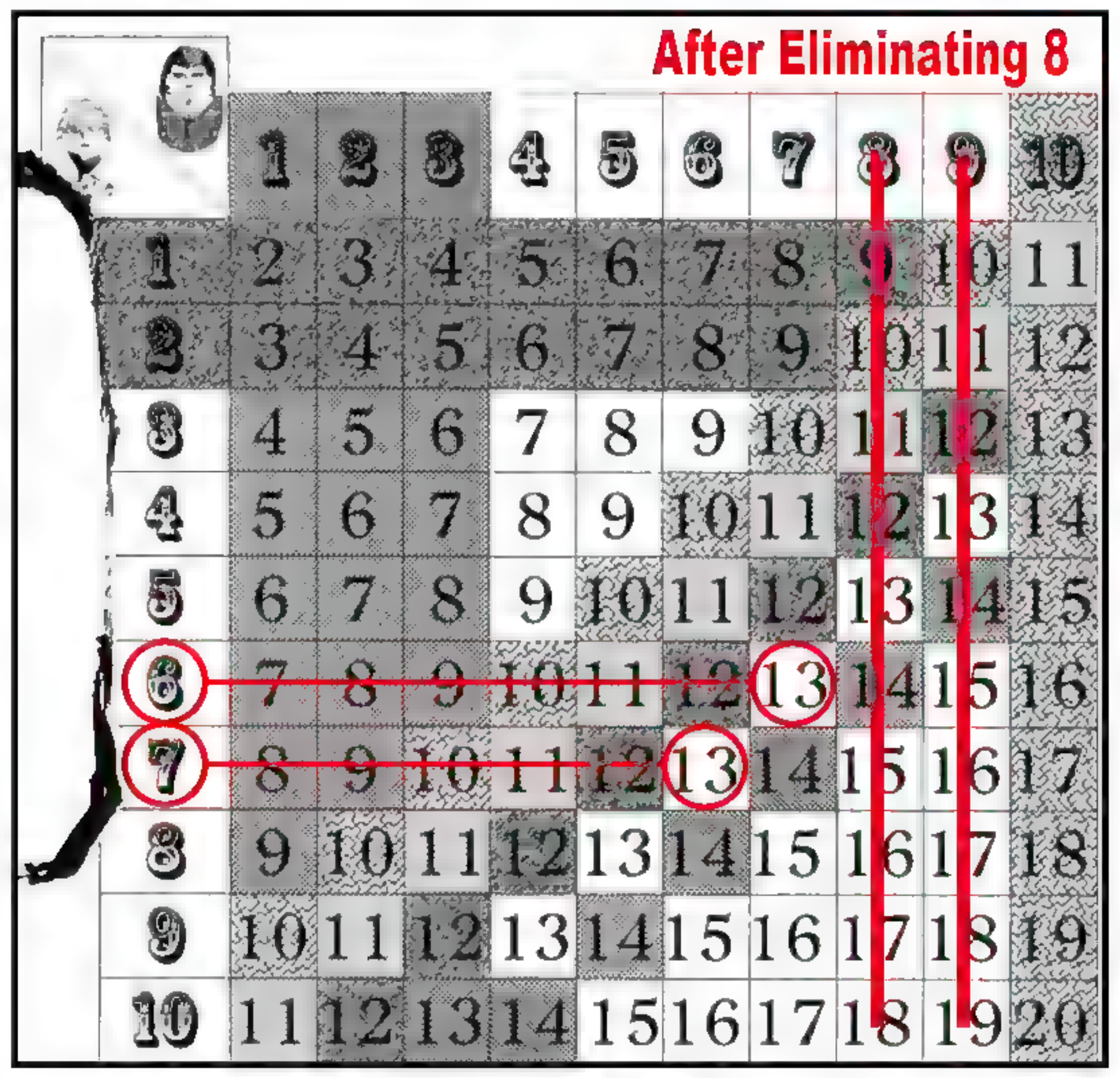

After Eliminating 8

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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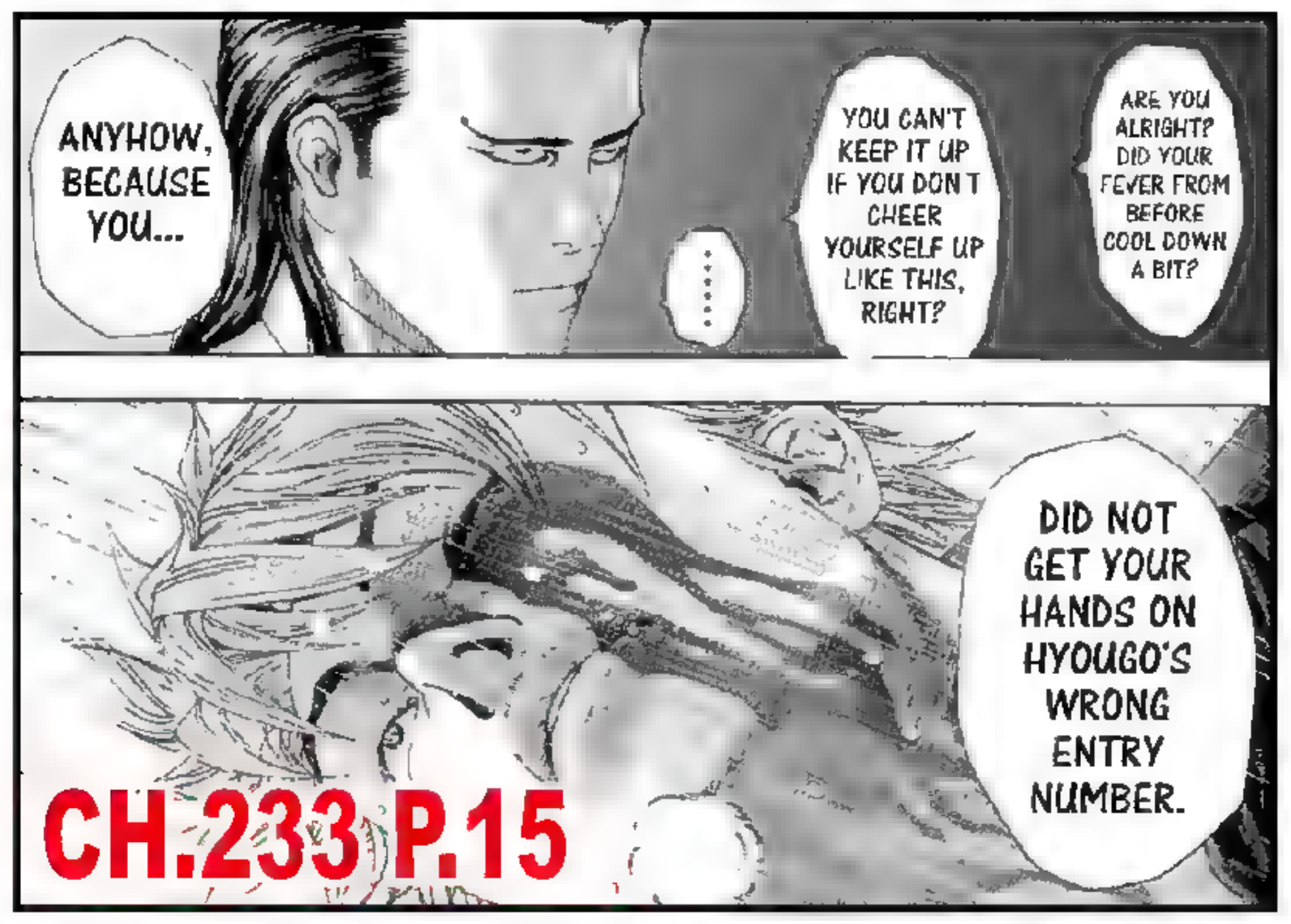
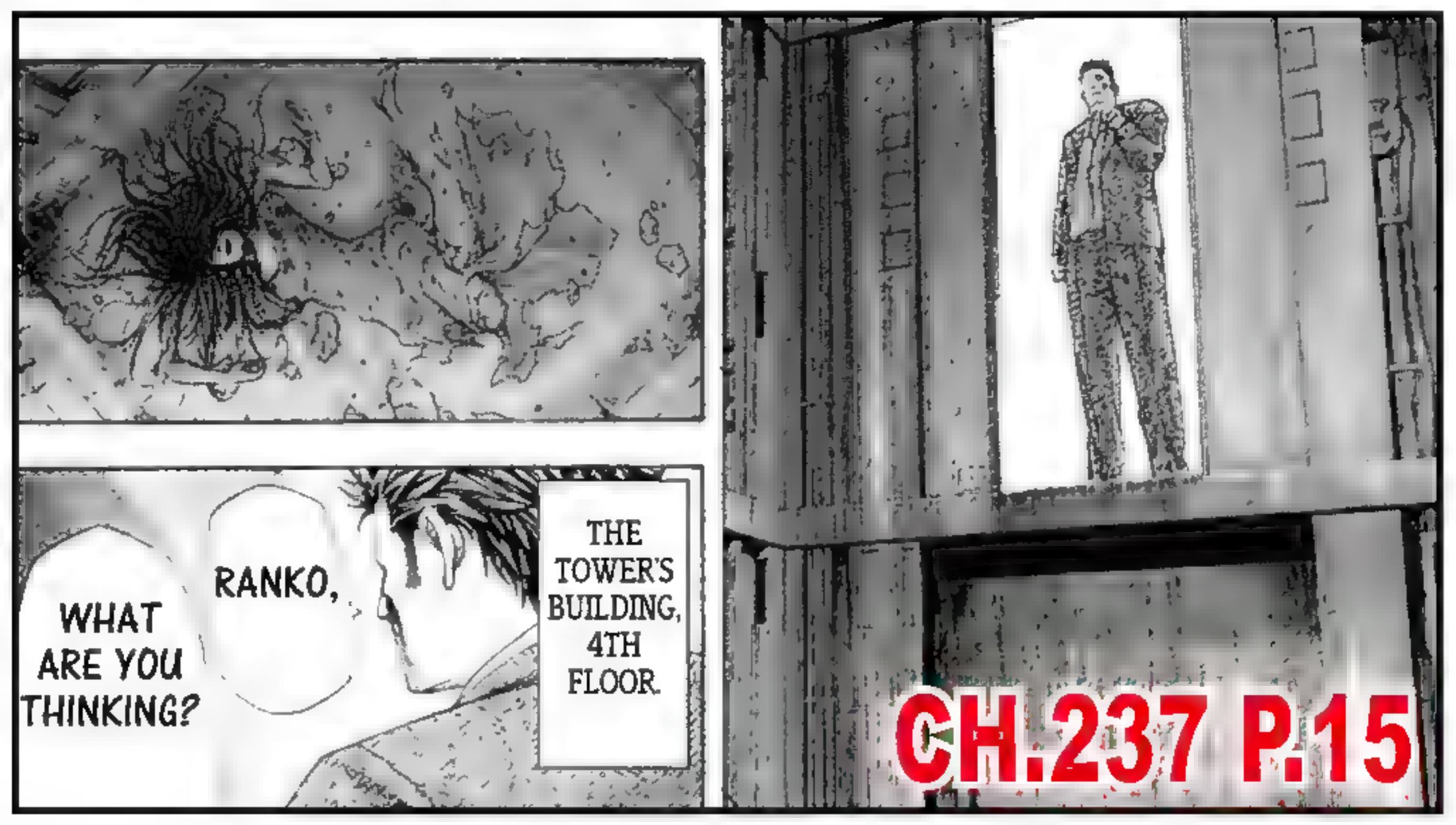

ARE YOU ALRIGHT? DID YOUR FEVER FROM BEFORE COOL DOWN A BIT?
YOU CAN'T KEEP IT UP IF YOU DON'T CHEER YOURSELF UP LIKE THIS, RIGHT?
……
ANYHOW, BECAUSE YOU...
DID NOT GET YOUR HANDS ON HYOUGO'S WRONG ENTRY NUMBER.

CH.233 P.15


THE TOWER'S BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR
RANKO,
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

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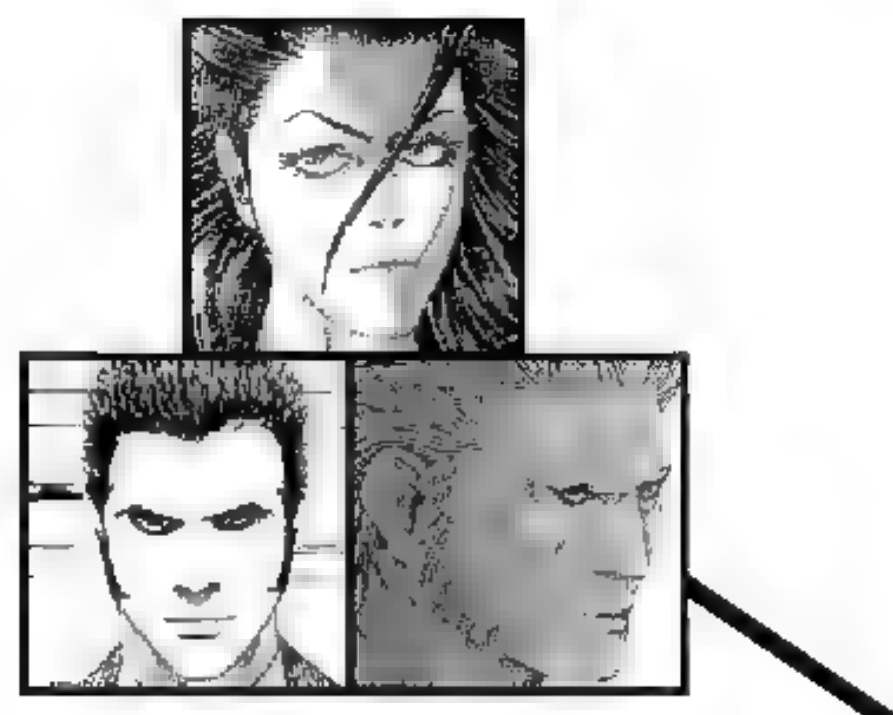
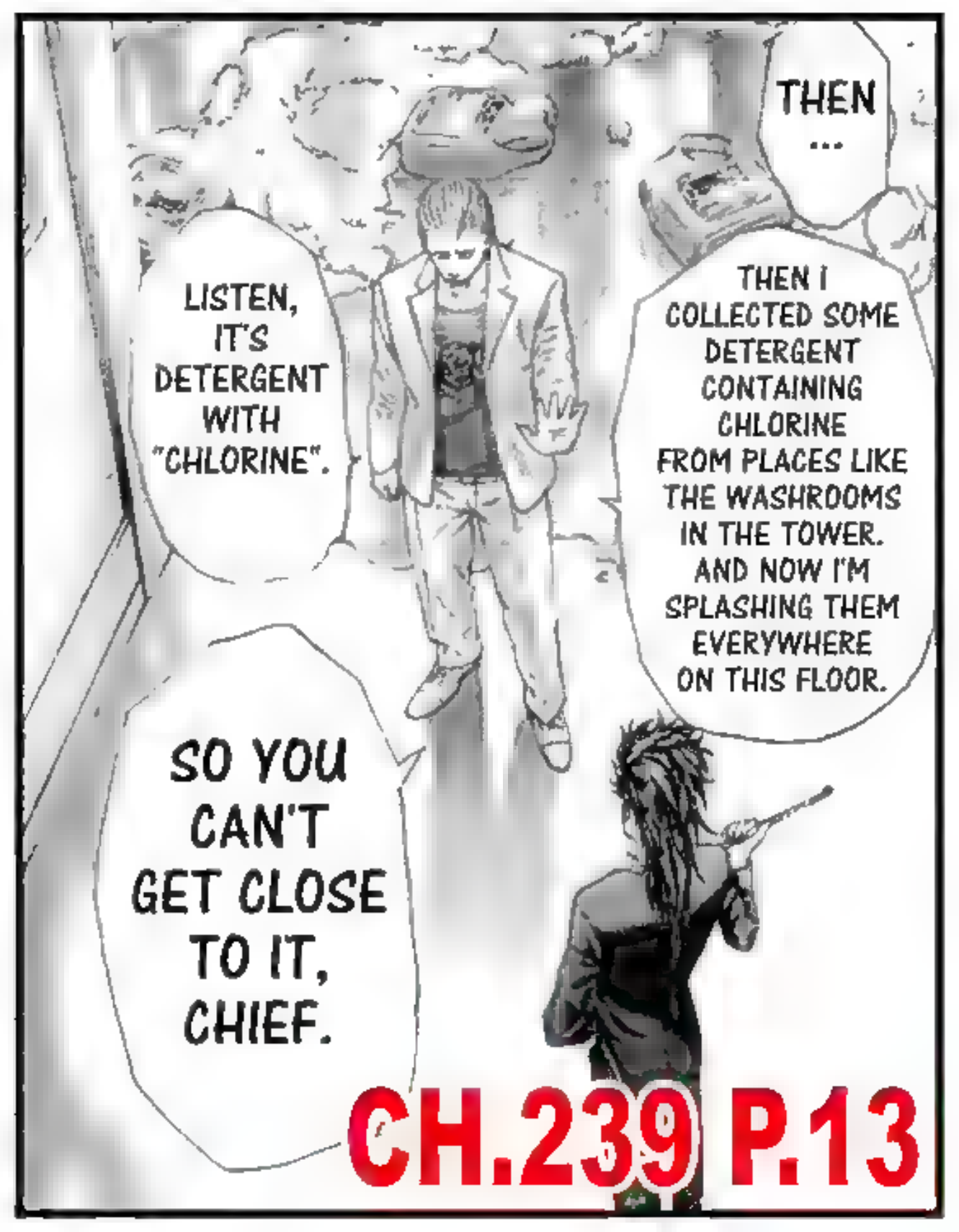
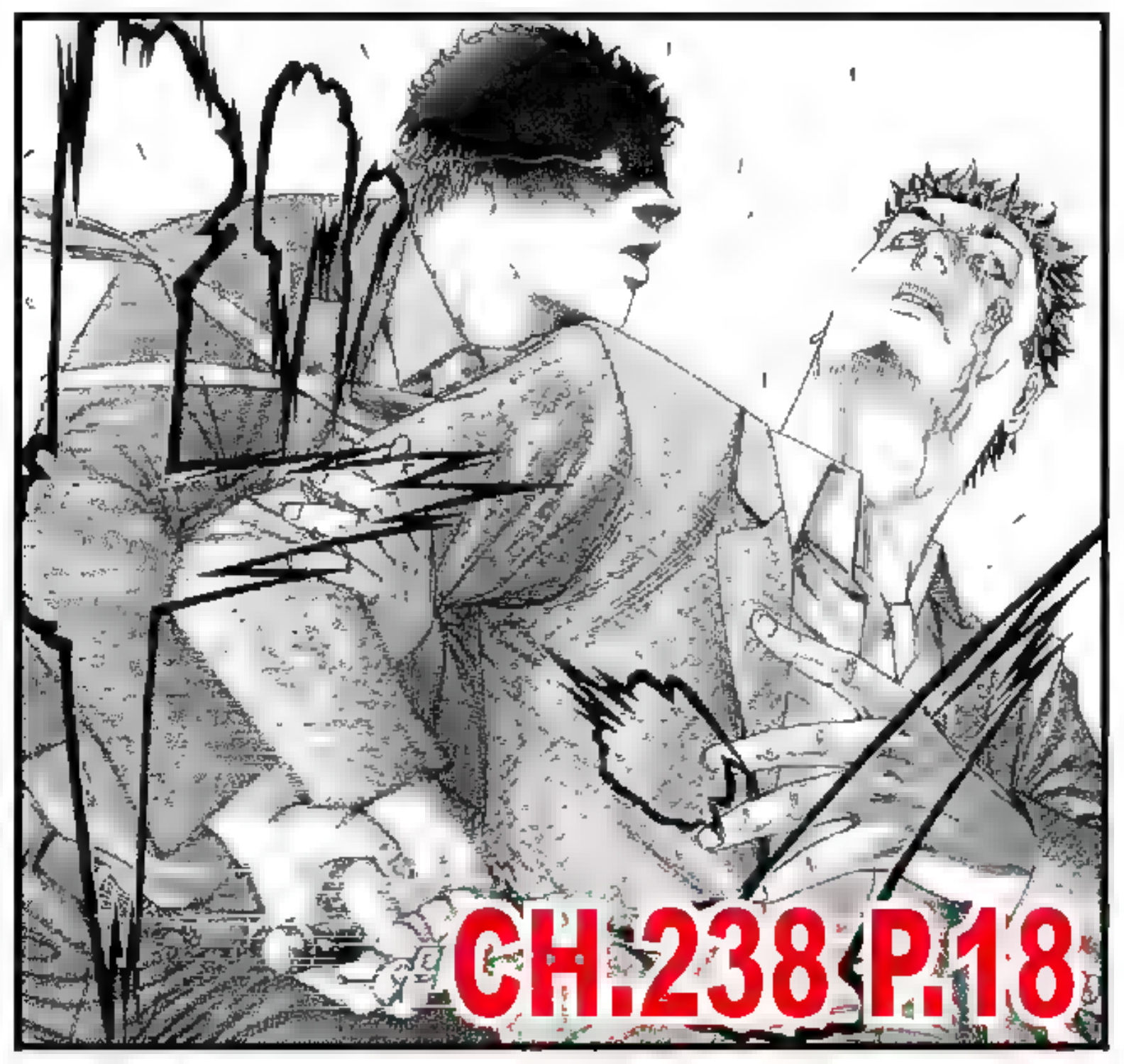


Went back to the 4th floor and pushed a doll down the elevator.

Set traps on the 5th floor. And then started fighting Kurama-gumi.


THEN ...
THEN I COLLECTED SOME DETERGENT CONTAINING CHLORINE FROM PLACES LIKE THE WASHROOMS IN THE TOWER. AND NOW I'M SPLASHING THEM EVERYWHERE ON THIS FLOOR.
LISTEN, IT'S DETERGENT WITH "CHLORINE".
SO YOU CAN'T GET CLOSE TO IT, CHIEF.

CH.239 P.13



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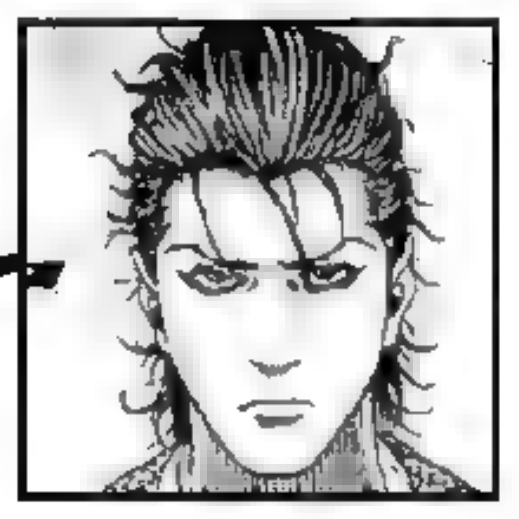
Was confused as to why Baku was so obstinate in playing the 3rd round, because if Baku's number really was 7, that meant Baku had found the right password after eliminating 8, so he realized that Baku didn't know the wrongly entered number was 8, and then accepted the 3rd round.



Right before the 3rd round started, Marco arrived at the 1st floor and told Baku that the wrongly entered number was 8.

Told Marco to enter 13 as a bluff to Suteguma.

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During the 3rd round

Holding: 9

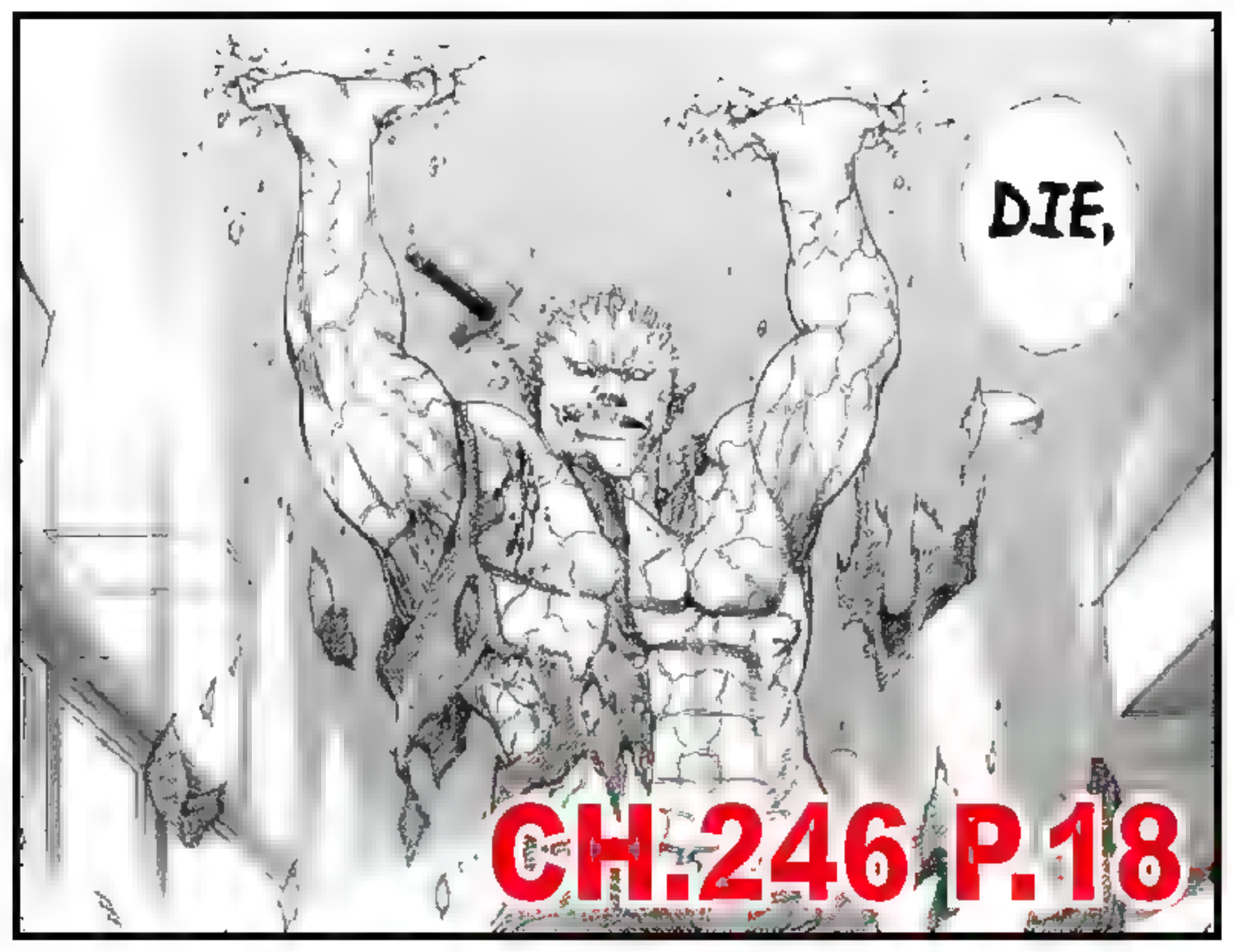
Suteguma's number:

8 or 9

Holding: 9

Baku's number:

~~6~~ or 7



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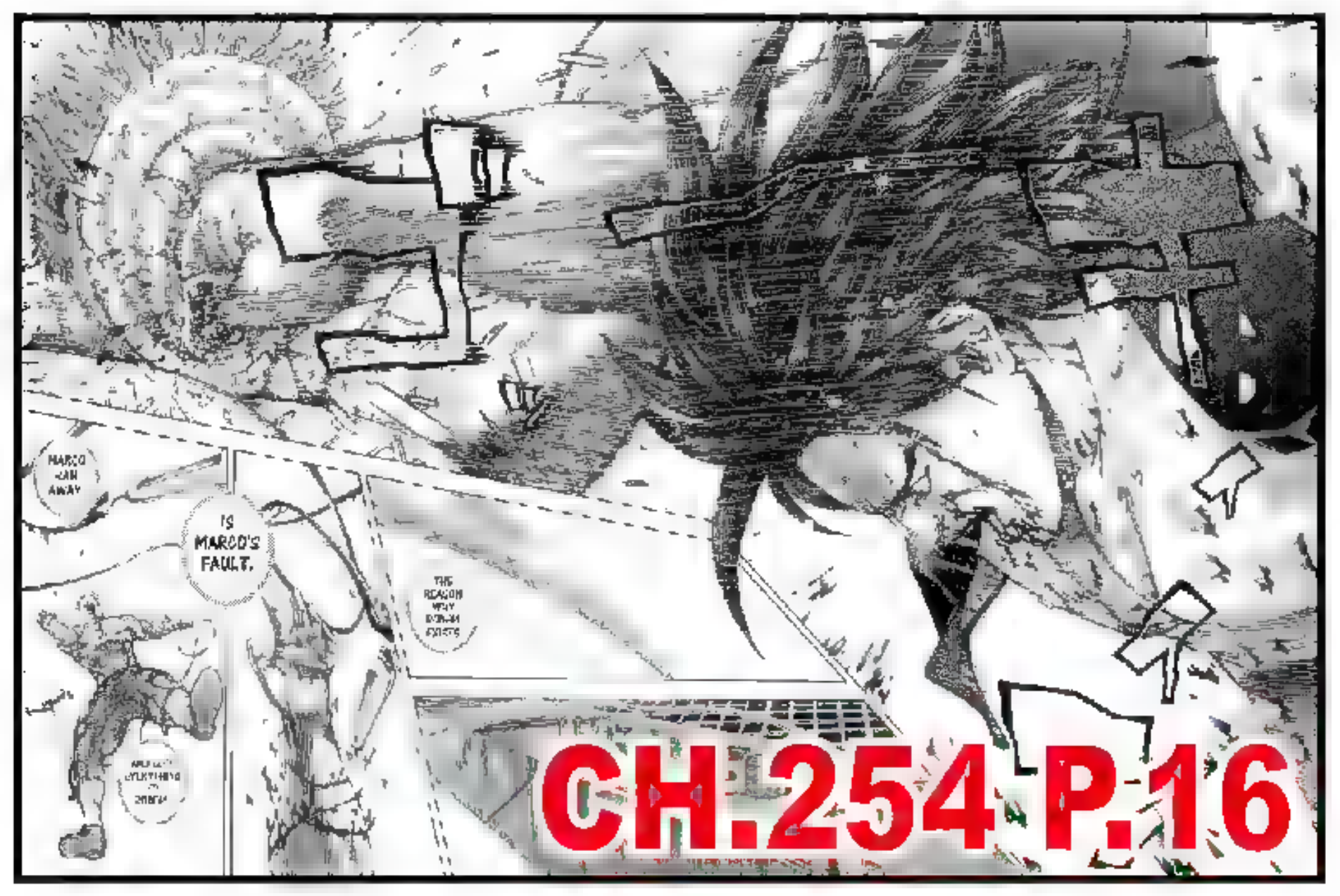
**Fighting at the main observatory,
Marco defeated Billy in the end.**



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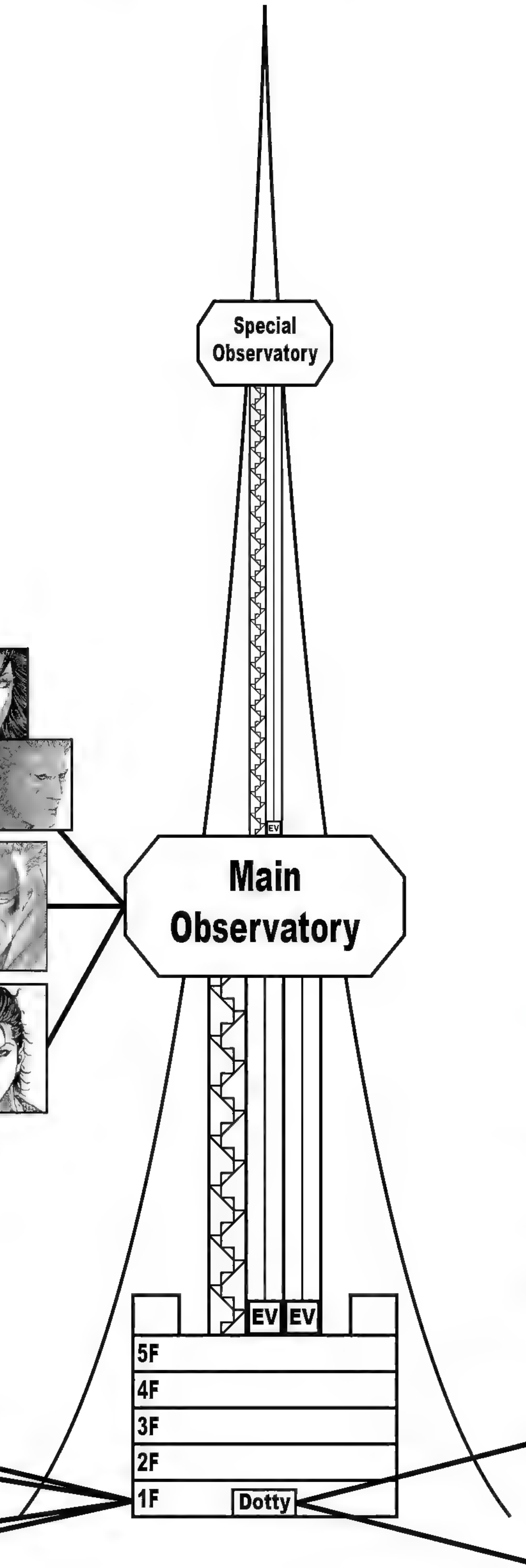
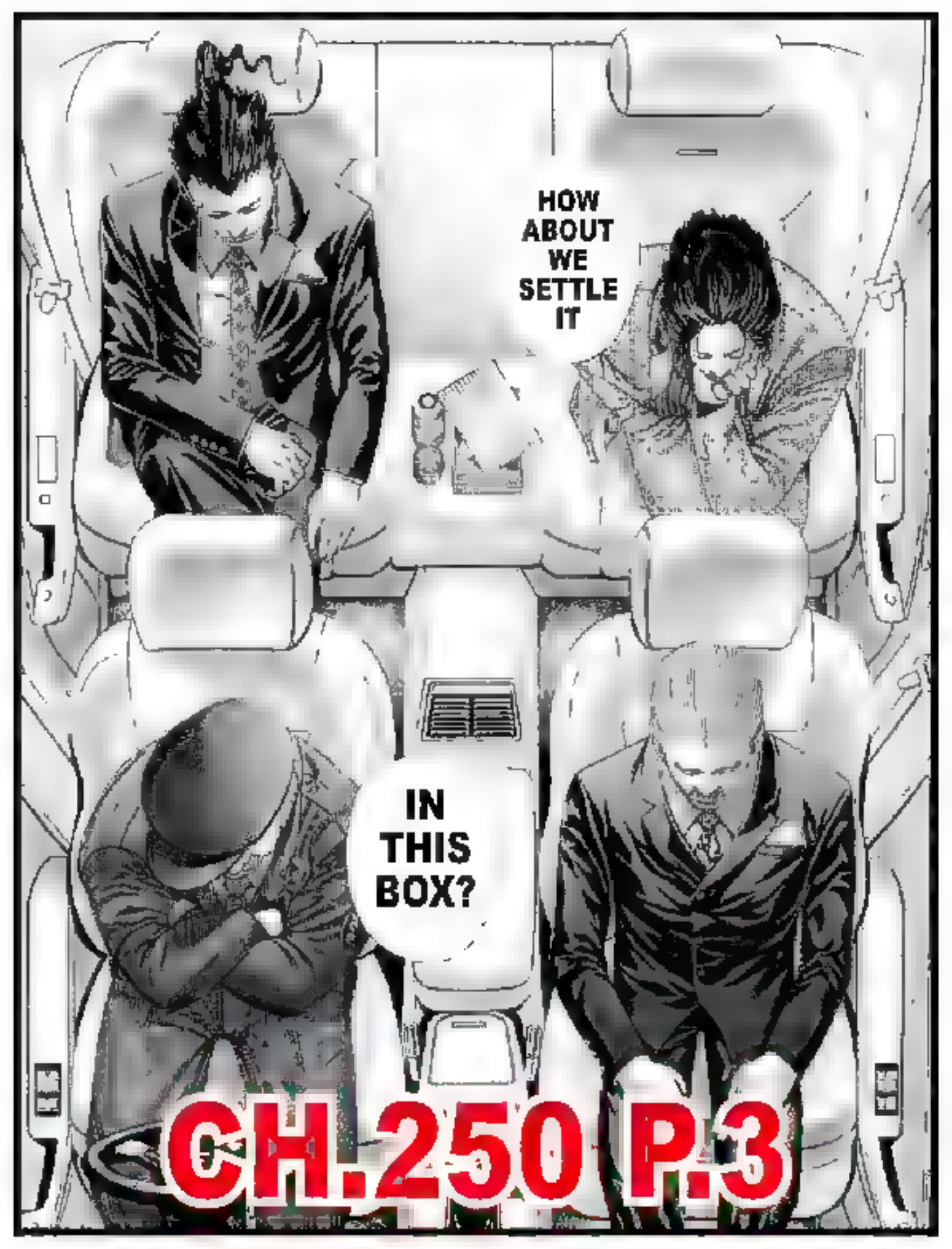
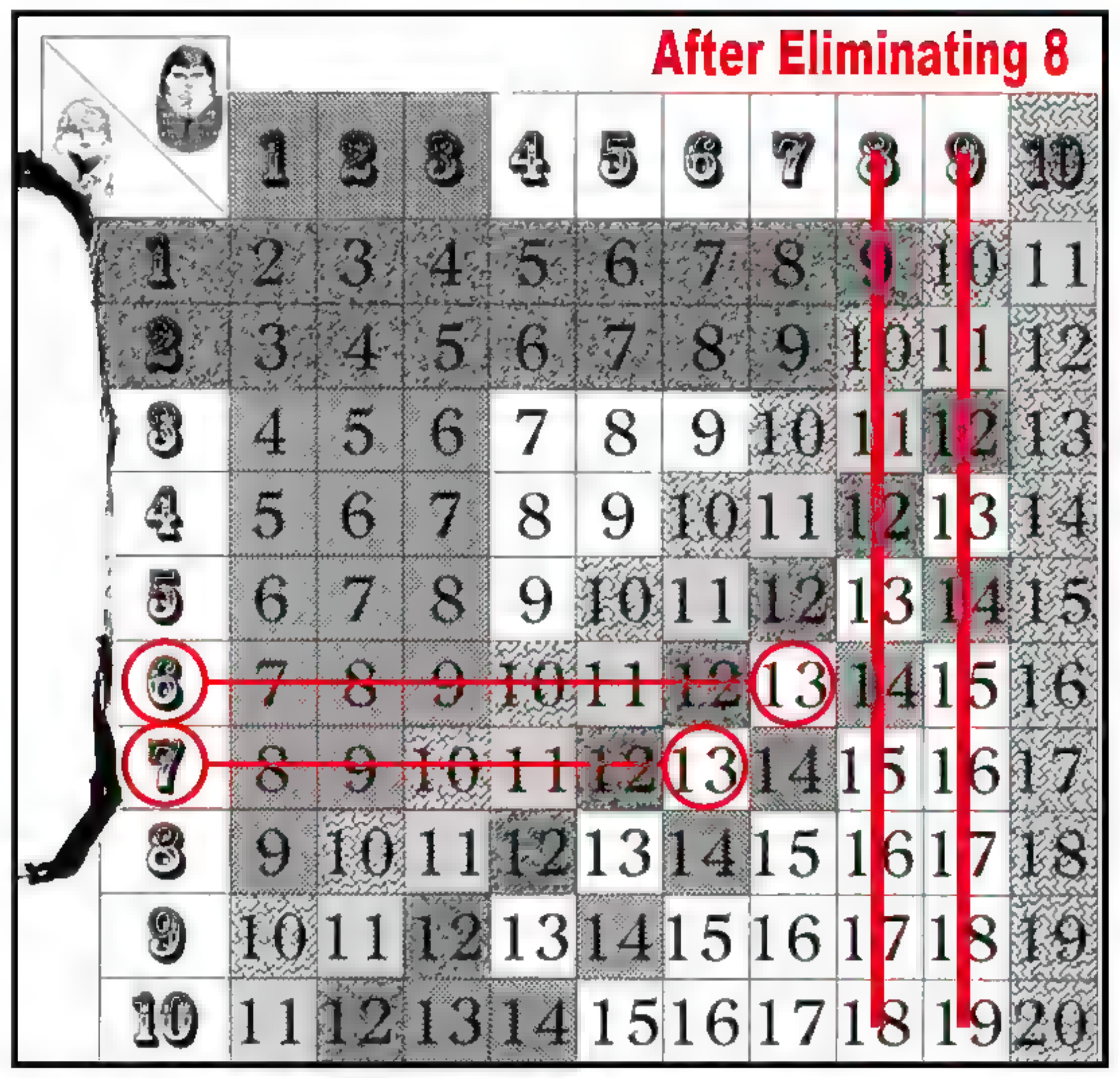


Fighting inside the car.


HOW ABOUT WE SETTLE IT
IN THIS BOX?

CH.250 P.3



After Eliminating 8

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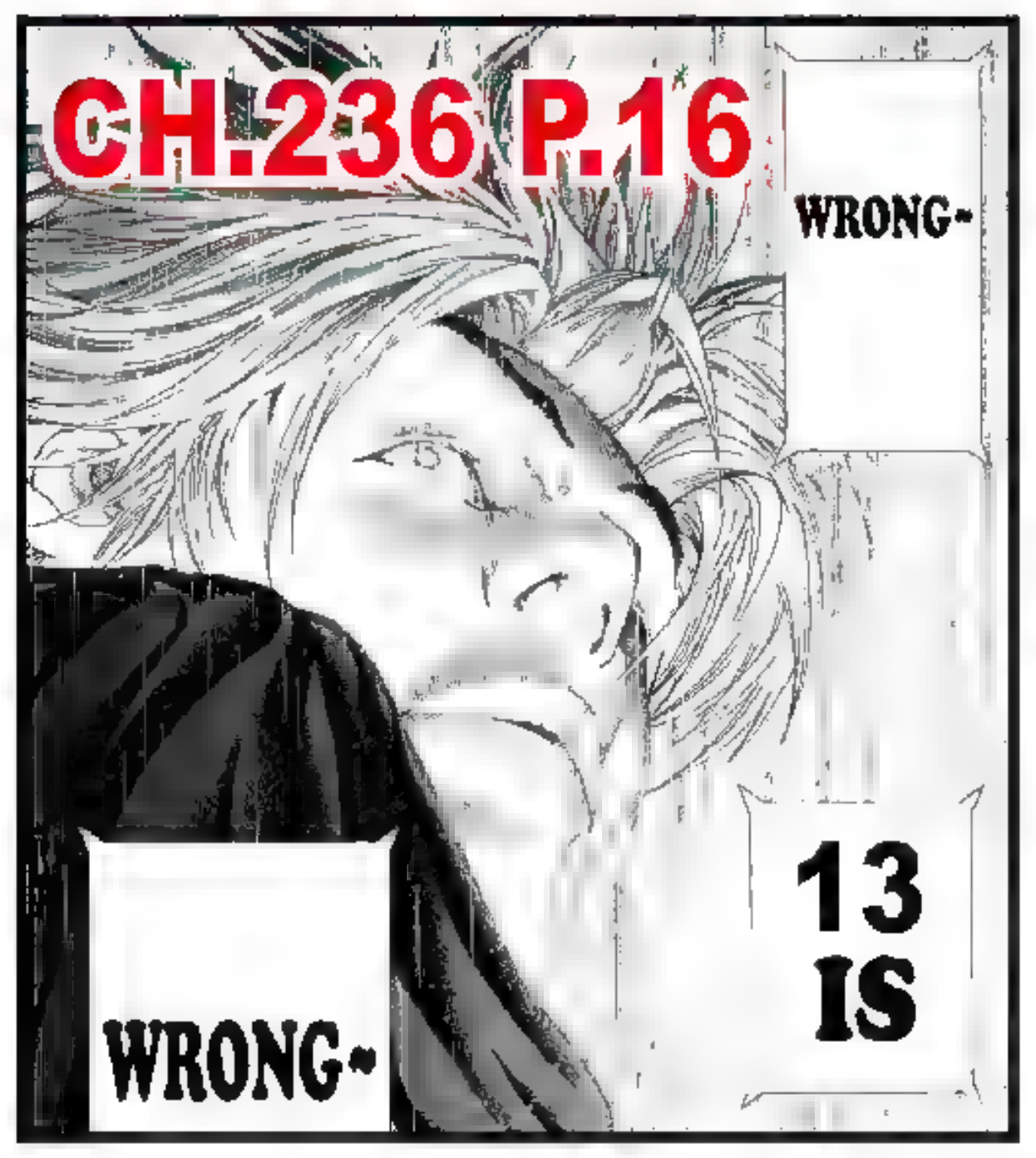

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THERE'S ONLY ONE
AT THAT TIME, SUTEGUMA NARROWED THE POSSIBLE NUMBERS DOWN TO TWO NUMBERS.
LEFT NOW.
16
DIS-APPEARED IN THE 3RD ROUND.
ONE OF THEM, 15,
15

CH.260 P.10

**After Baku told Marco to enter 13 and pressed 13 in the Dotty,
Suteguma believed that Baku fell for the fake 8 guess,
and that his number must be 6 or 7.
He pressed 15 in the Dotty and eliminated 6.**

**Once Baku learned that the fake guess was 8,
he'd know that Suteguma's number must be 8 or 9
(10 had been eliminated in the 1st round),
or else 8 wouldn't be a fake guess.**

After the 3rd round ended

Holding: 9

Suteguma's number:

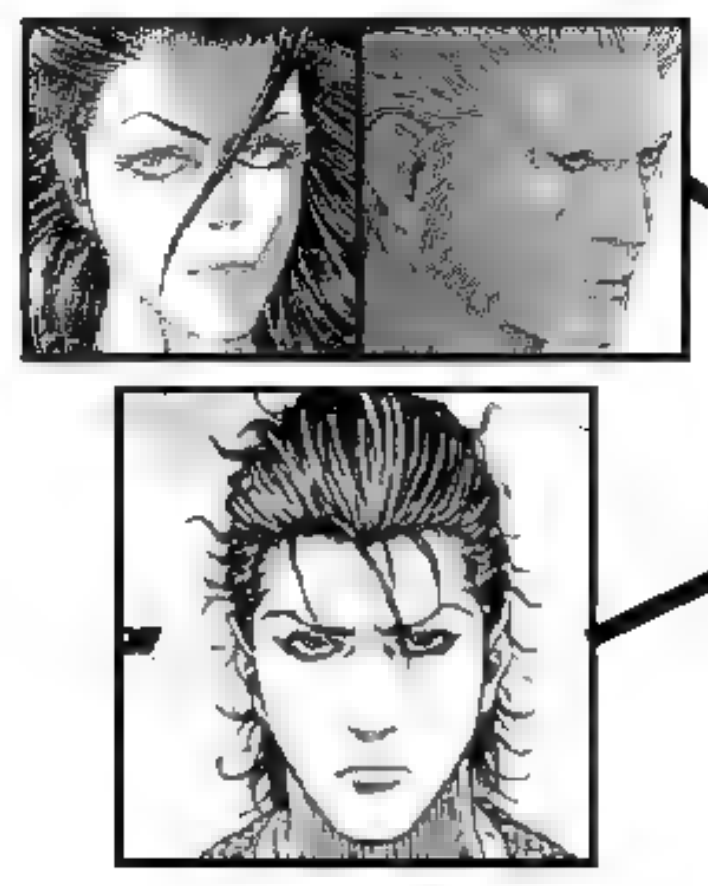
9

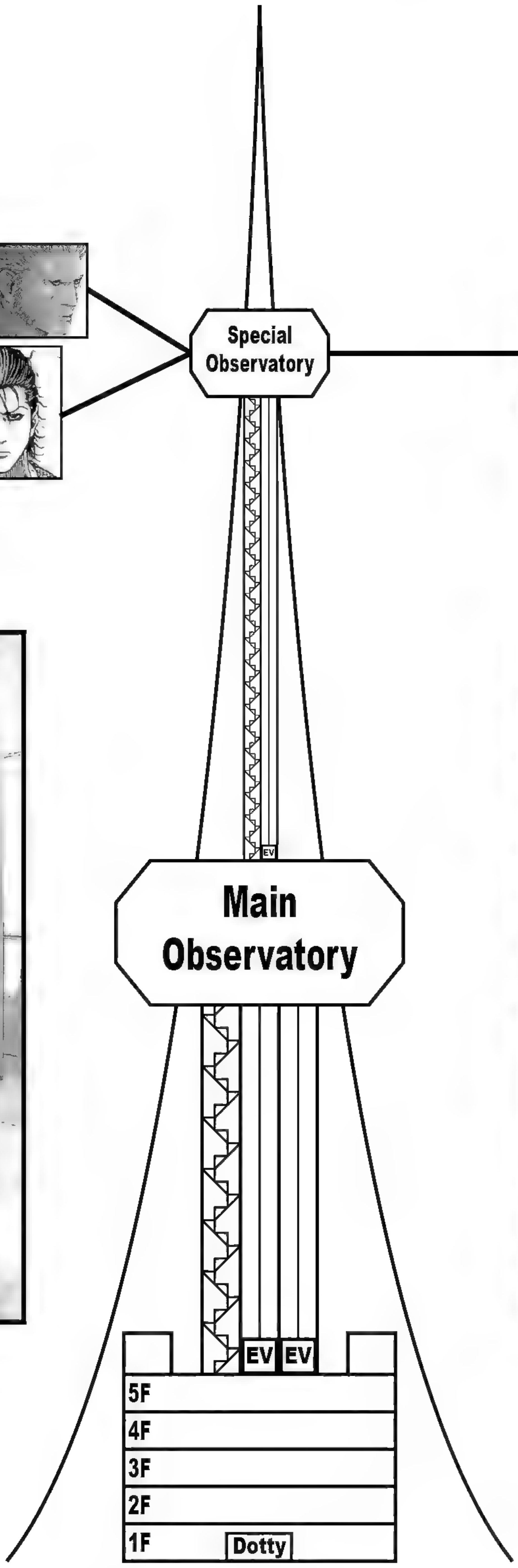
Holding: 9

Baku's number:

8 or 9 or 10

Waiting for Suteguma to climb up and enter the password.





Went to the special observatory and entered 16, but it was wrong.

After Suteguma guessed 16 wrong, Baku knew that Suteguma's number was 9. And the final answer was 18.

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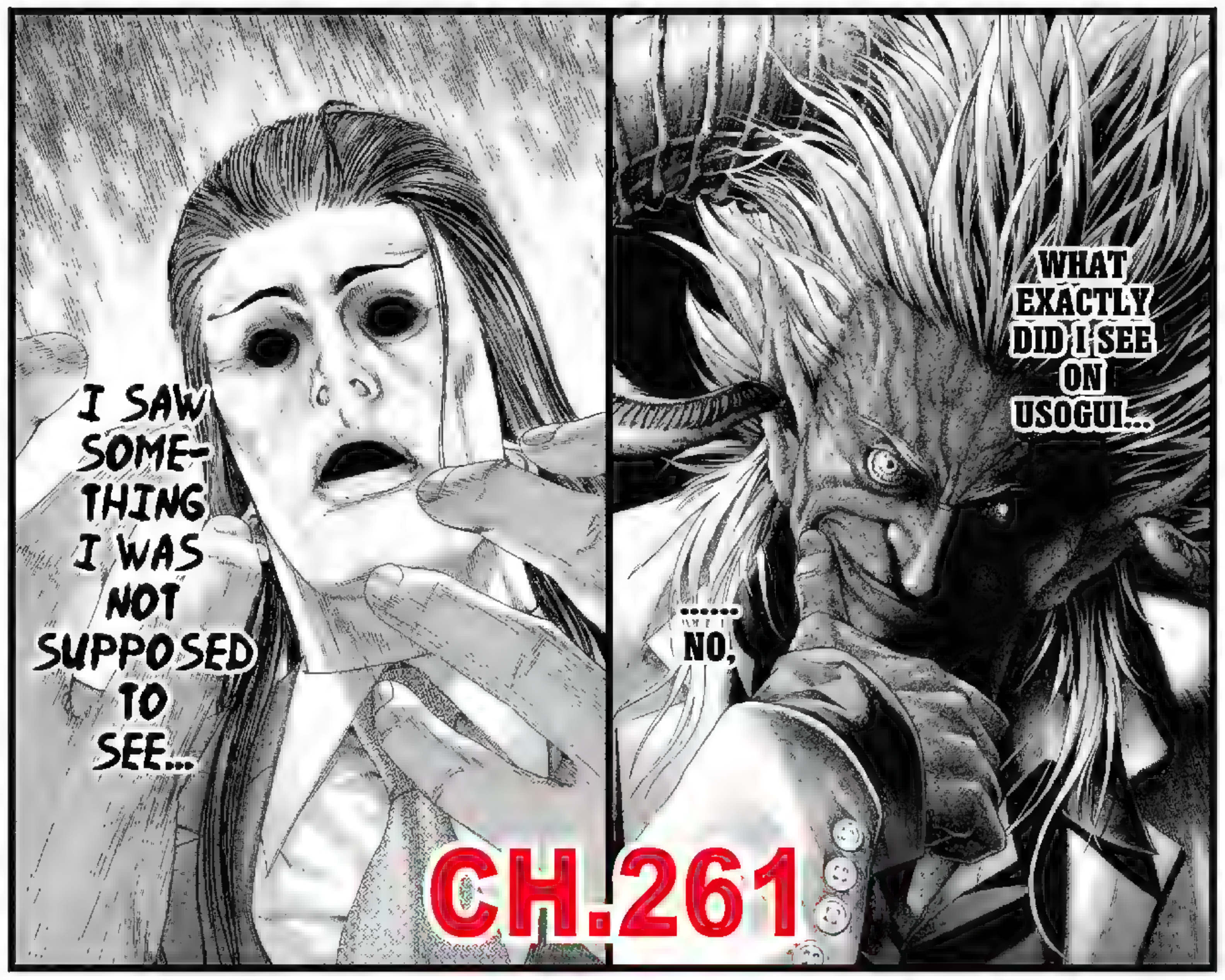

WHAT EXACTLY DID I SEE ON USOGUI...
......NO.
I SAW SOMETHING I WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO SEE...

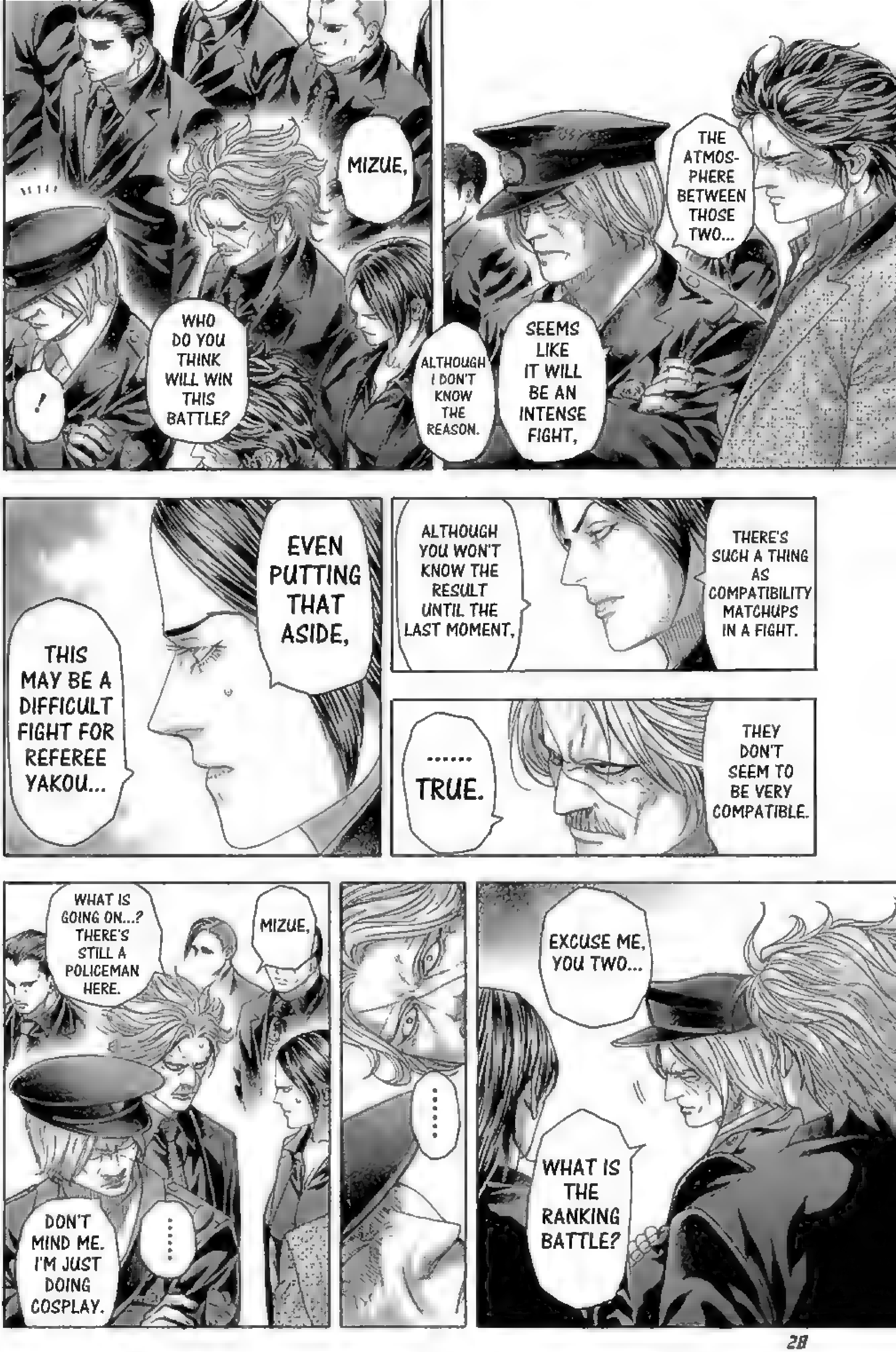
CH.261

CHAPTER 265

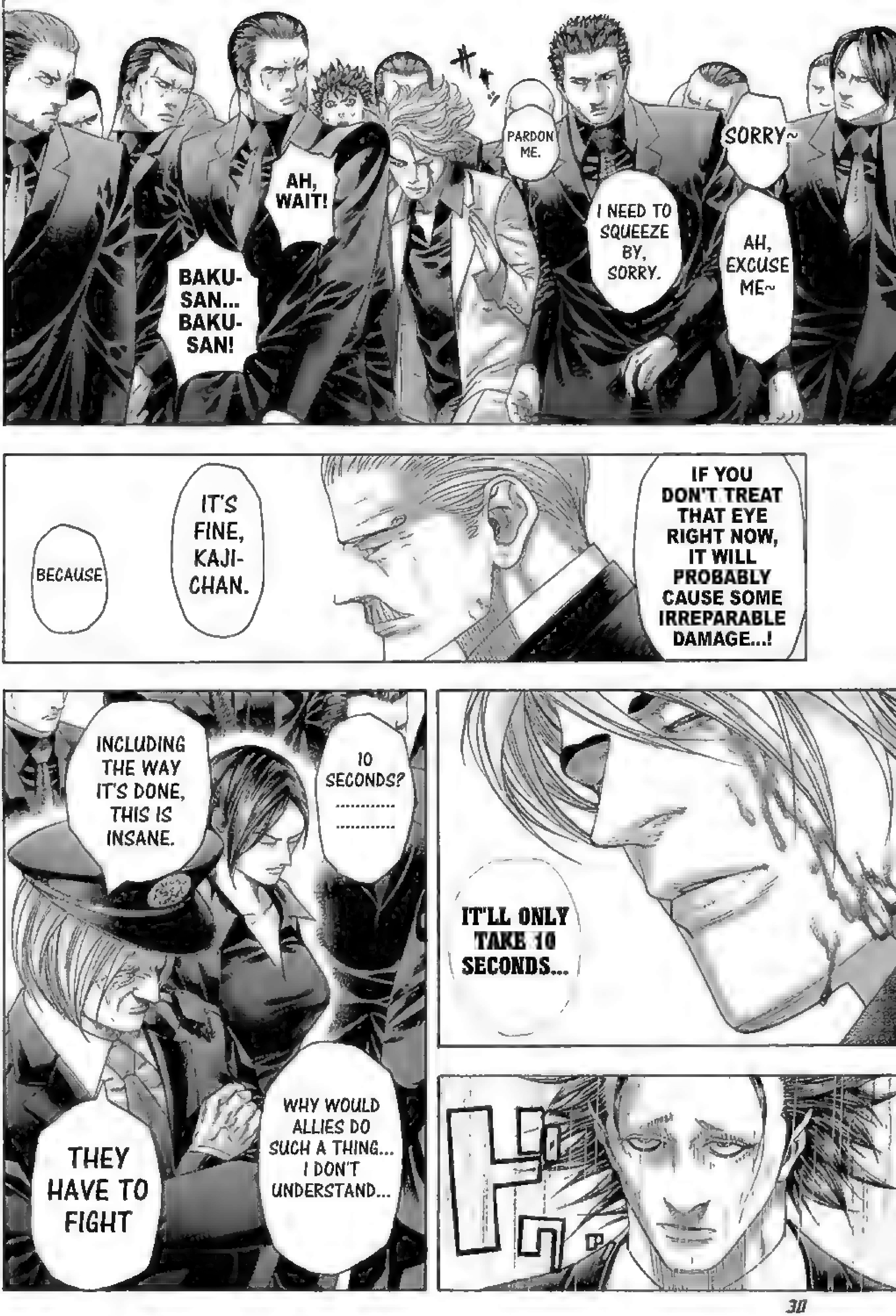
10 SECOND BATTLE

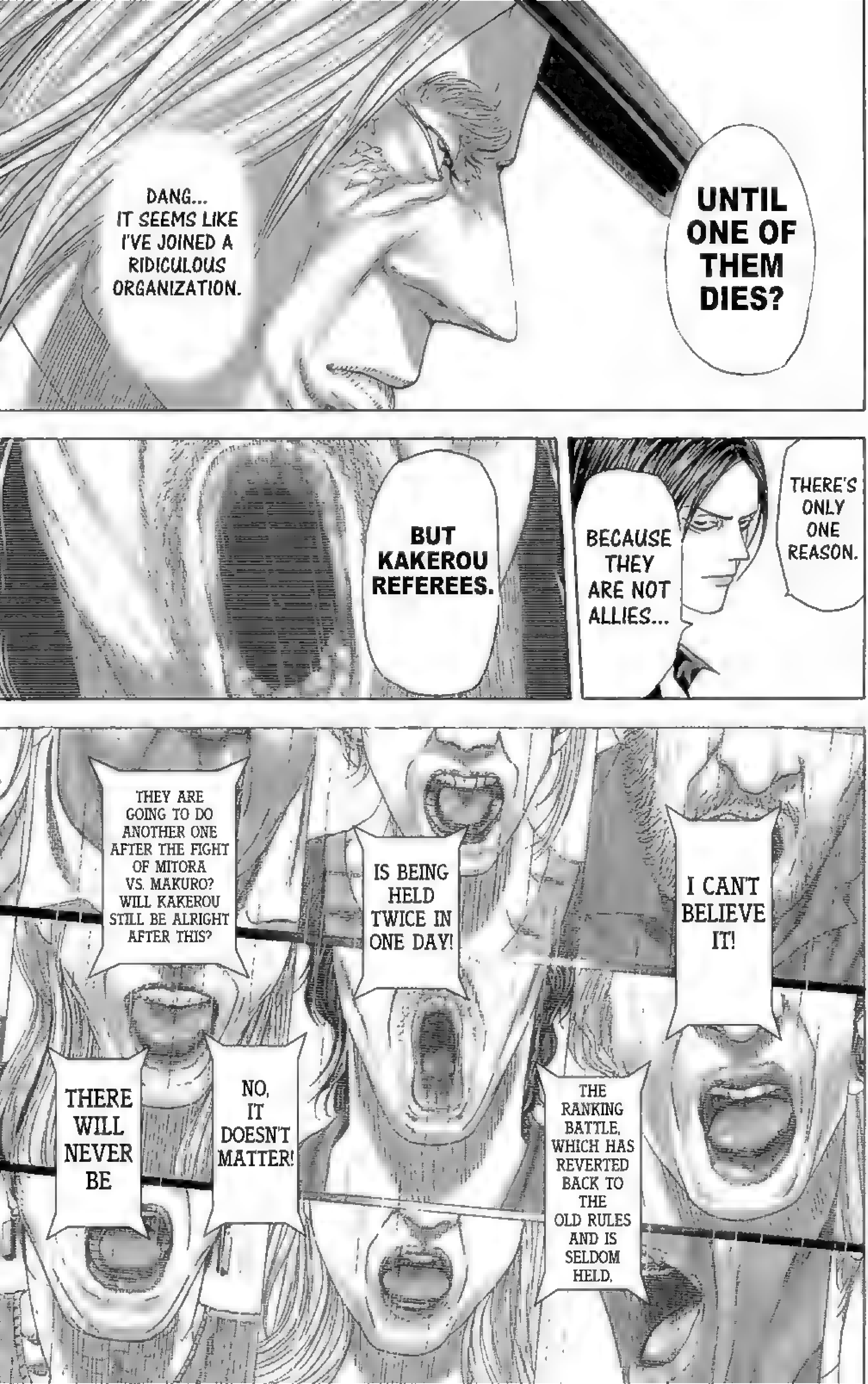
TOUYA-SAN...
......
!
......
NAN NANPOU ...
......
EBA...

RANKING BATTLE.
THE CHALLENGER
HAS TO KILL HIS OPPONENT IN 10 SECONDS.
THE ONE WHO'S BEING CHALLENGED ALSO HAS TO RESIST WITH ALL HIS STRENGTH.
RANKING BATTLE,
SCRAMBLING THE NUMBER WITHOUT ANY DEFENSE.
THE KAKEROU MATCH HAS ENDED.
THE POLICE HAVE RETREATED TOO.
USOGUI'S "SURPASSING THE LEADER"...
IS RELYING ON THIS RANKING BATTLE.

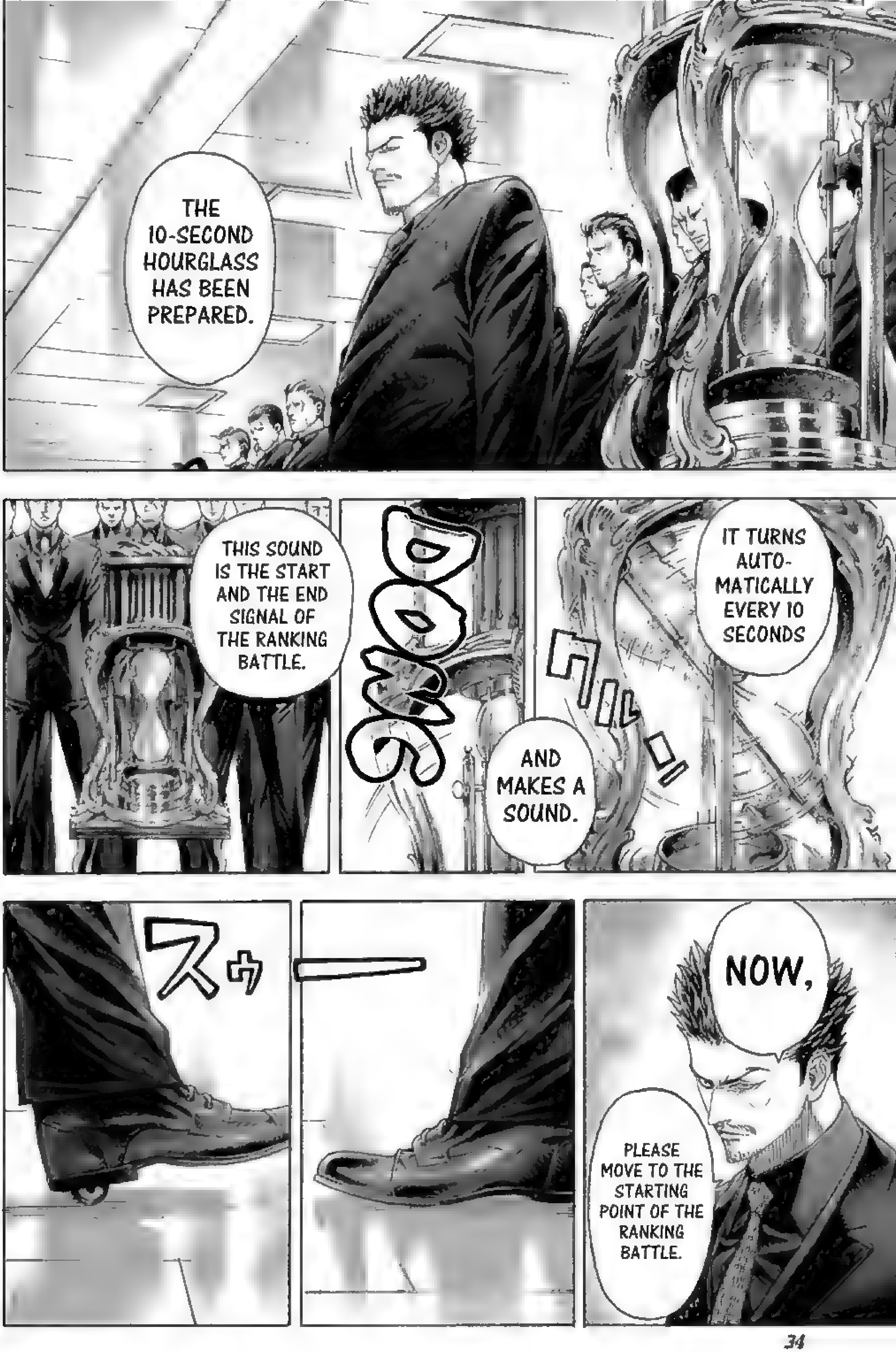

THE ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN THOSE TWO...
SEEMS LIKE IT WILL BE AN INTENSE FIGHT,
ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW THE REASON.
MIZUE,
WHO DO YOU THINK WILL WIN THIS BATTLE?
!
THERE'S SUCH A THING AS COMPATIBILITY MATCHUPS IN A FIGHT.
ALTHOUGH YOU WON'T KNOW THE RESULT UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT,
THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE VERY COMPATIBLE.
...... TRUE.
EVEN PUTTING THAT ASIDE,
THIS MAY BE A DIFFICULT FIGHT FOR REFEREE YAKOU...
EXCUSE ME, YOU TWO...
WHAT IS THE RANKING BATTLE?
......
MIZUE,
WHAT IS GOING ON...? THERE'S STILL A POLICEMAN HERE.
......
DON'T MIND ME. I'M JUST DOING COSPLAY.

ear Me


SORRY~
AH, EXCUSE ME~
I NEED TO SQUEEZE BY, SORRY.
PARDON ME.
AH, WAIT!
BAKU-SAN... BAKU-SAN!
IF YOU DON'T TREAT THAT EYE RIGHT NOW, IT WILL PROBABLY CAUSE SOME IRREPARABLE DAMAGE...!
IT'S FINE, KAJI-CHAN.
BECAUSE
IT'LL ONLY TAKE 10 SECONDS...
10 SECONDS? ....
INCLUDING THE WAY IT'S DONE, THIS IS INSANE.
WHY WOULD ALLIES DO SUCH A THING... I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
THEY HAVE TO FIGHT


UNTIL ONE OF THEM DIES?
DANG... IT SEEMS LIKE I'VE JOINED A RIDICULOUS ORGANIZATION.
THERE'S ONLY ONE REASON.
BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ALLIES...
BUT KAKEROU REFEREES.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
THE RANKING BATTLE, WHICH HAS REVERTED BACK TO THE OLD RULES AND IS SELDOM HELD,
IS BEING HELD TWICE IN ONE DAY!
THEY ARE GOING TO DO ANOTHER ONE AFTER THE FIGHT OF MITORA VS. MAKURO? WILL KAKEROU STILL BE ALRIGHT AFTER THIS?
NO, IT DOESN'T MATTER!
THERE WILL NEVER BE

ANOTHER INTENSE COMBINATION LIKE THIS ONE!!
ONE OF THE MOST SENIOR MEMBERS IN KAKEROU,
THE PERFECT REFEREE,
YAKOU HIKOICHI.
AND THE MYSTERIOUS "KIRUMA",
THE PEAK BLOODLINE,
KIRUMA TATSUKI, WILL HAVE A DEATH BATTLE!


THE 10-SECOND HOURGLASS HAS BEEN PREPARED.
IT TURNS AUTO-MATICALLY EVERY 10 SECONDS
AND MAKES A SOUND.
DONG
THIS SOUND IS THE START AND THE END SIGNAL OF THE RANKING BATTLE.
NOW,
PLEASE MOVE TO THE STARTING POINT OF THE RANKING BATTLE.
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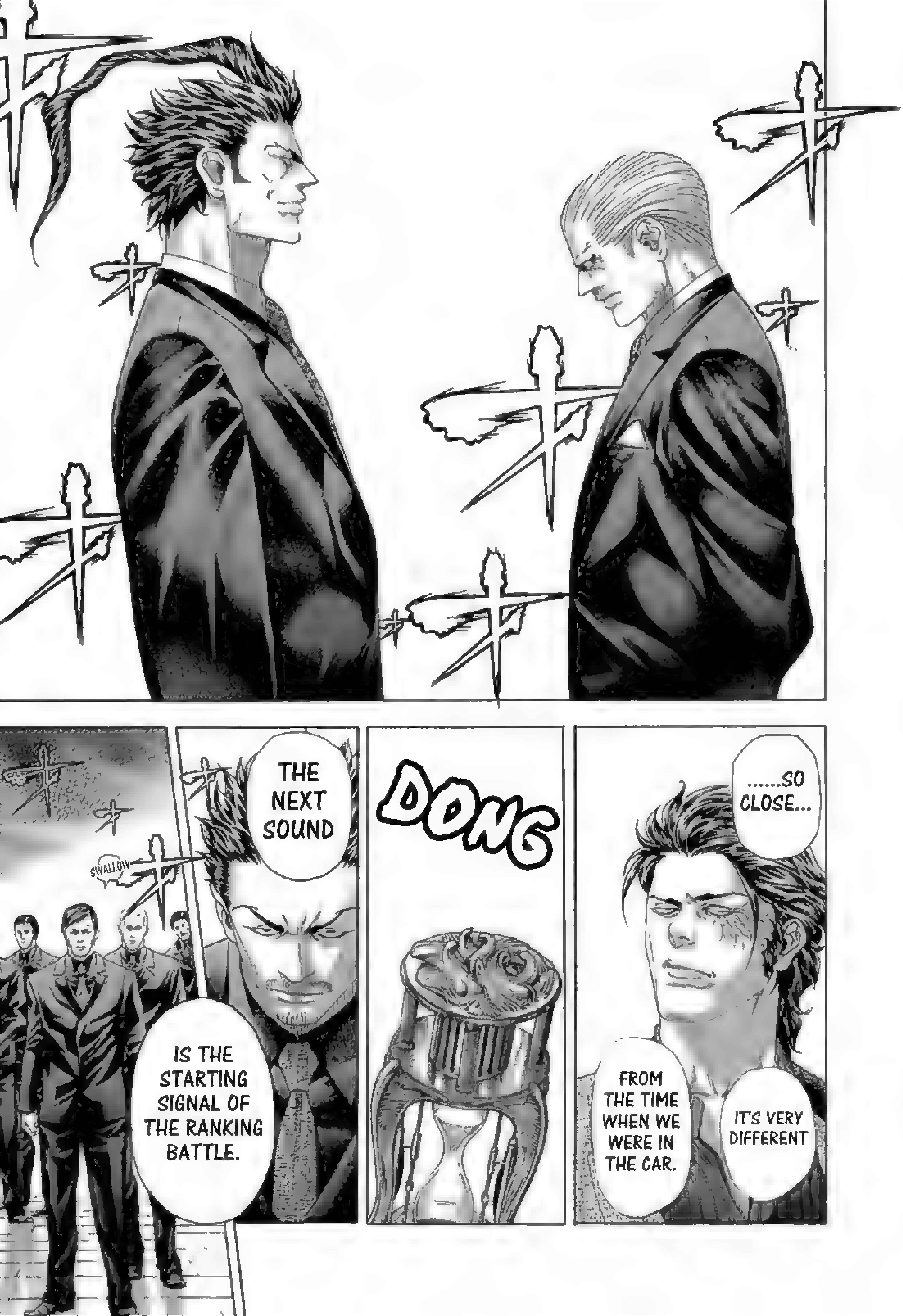
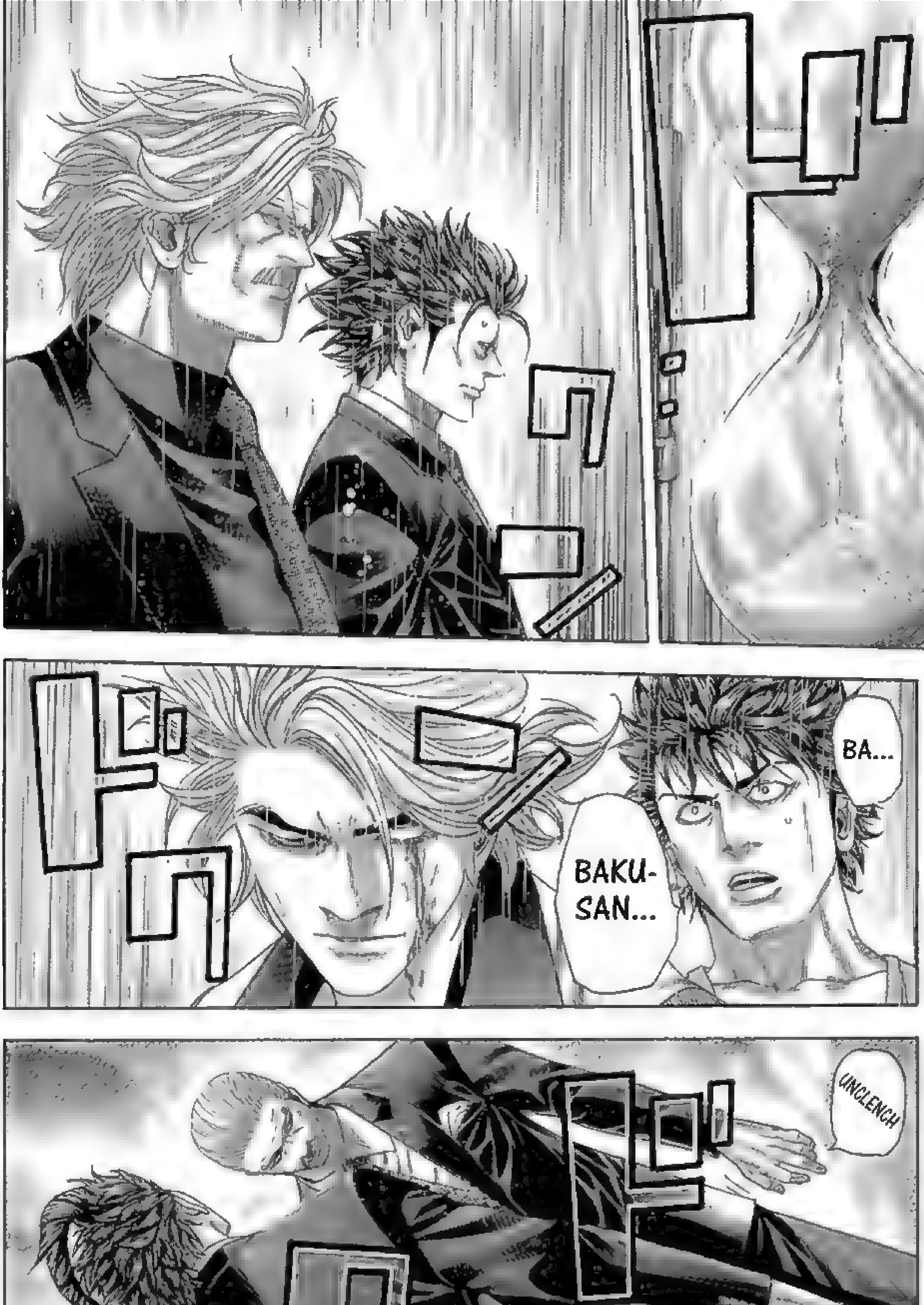
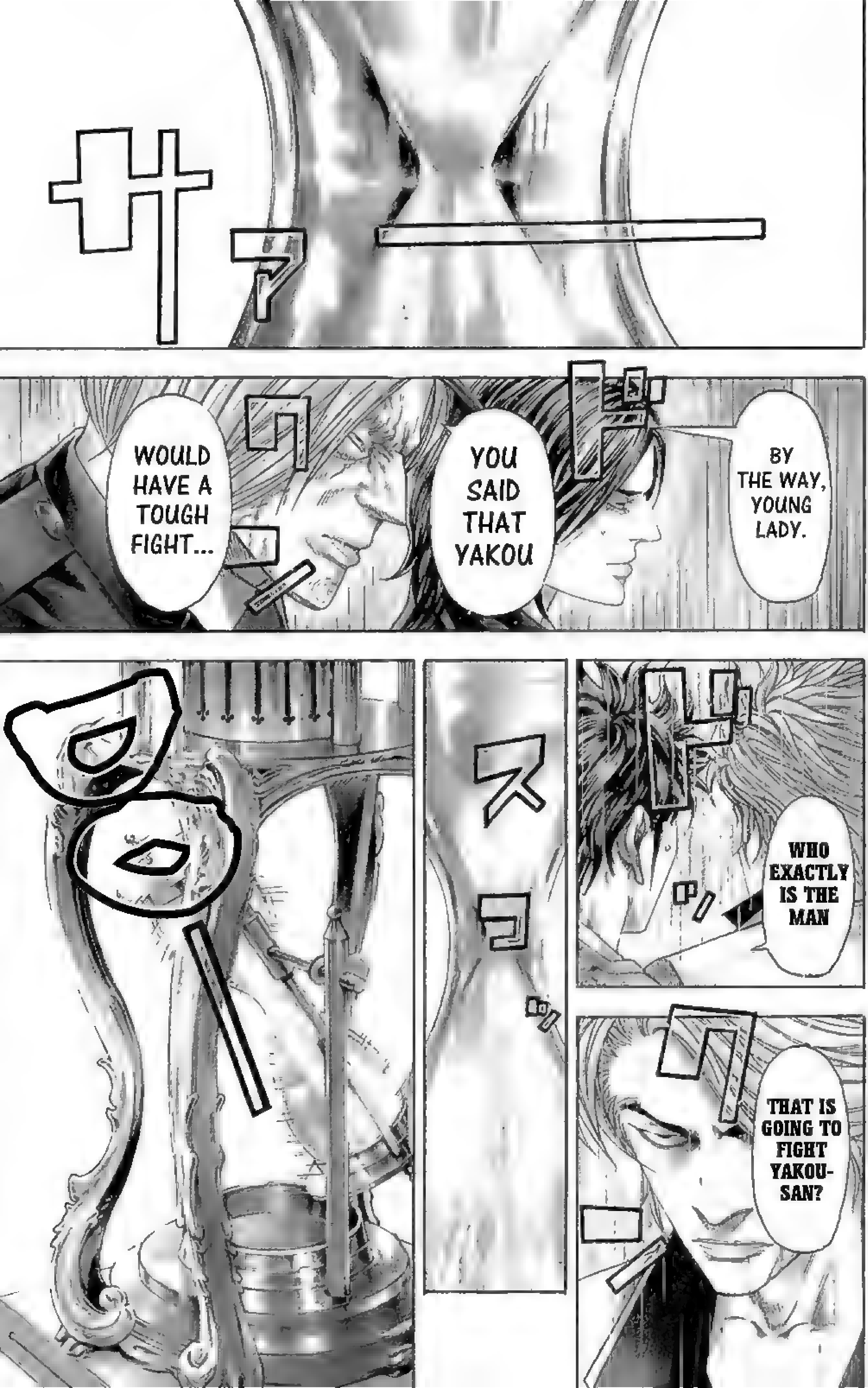

......SO CLOSE...
IT'S VERY DIFFERENT
FROM THE TIME WHEN WE WERE IN THE CAR.
DONG
THE NEXT SOUND
IS THE STARTING SIGNAL OF THE RANKING BATTLE.
SWALLOW


BA...
BAKU-SAN...
UNCLENCH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BY THE WAY, YOUNG LADY.
YOU SAID THAT YAKOU
WOULD HAVE A TOUGH FIGHT...
WHO EXACTLY IS THE MAN
THAT IS GOING TO FIGHT YAKOU-SAN?
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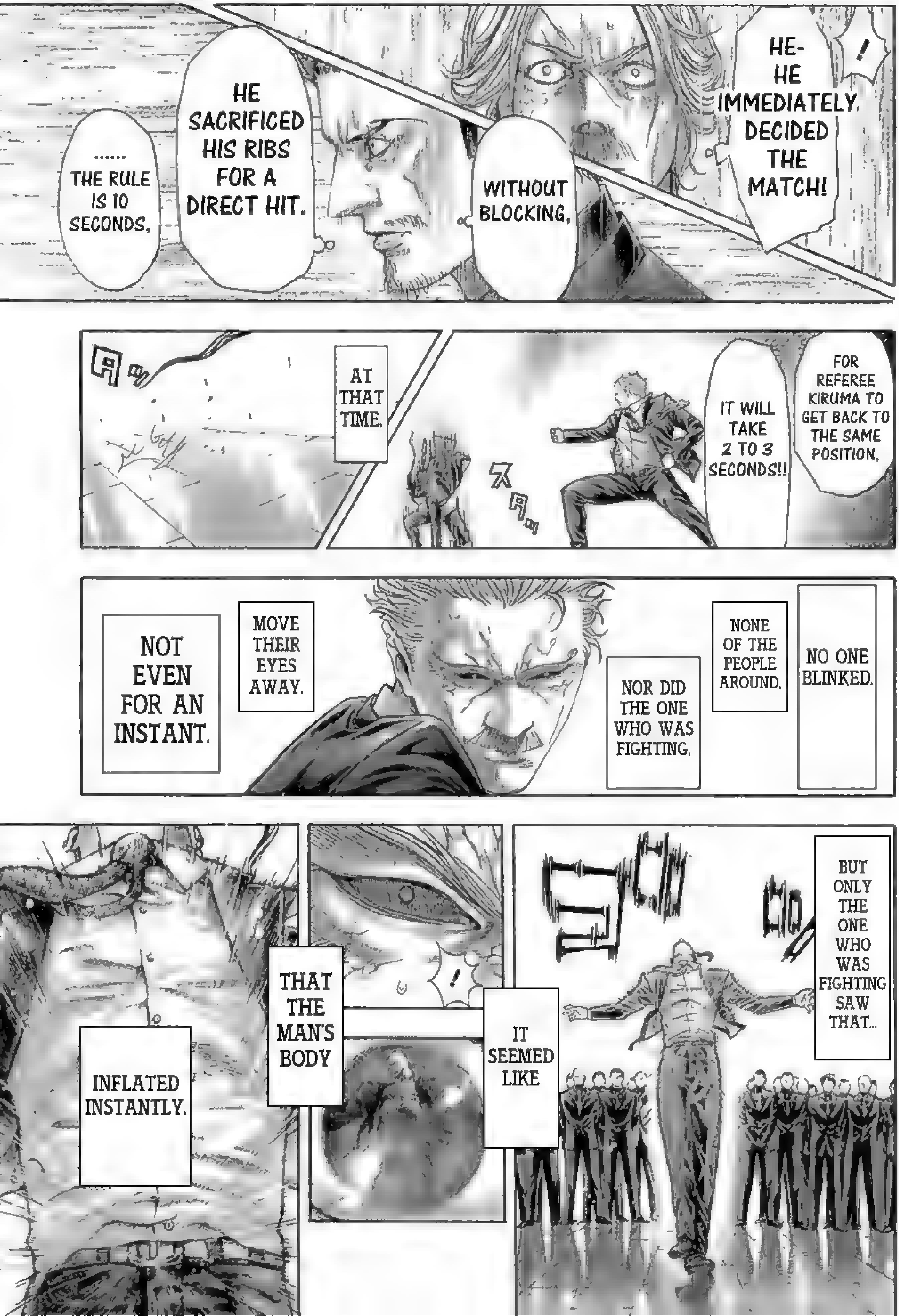
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HE- HE IMMEDIATELY DECIDED THE MATCH!
WITHOUT BLOCKING,
HE SACRIFICED HIS RIBS FOR A DIRECT HIT.
...... THE RULE IS 10 SECONDS,
FOR REFEREE KIRUMA TO GET BACK TO THE SAME POSITION,
IT WILL TAKE 2 TO 3 SECONDS!!
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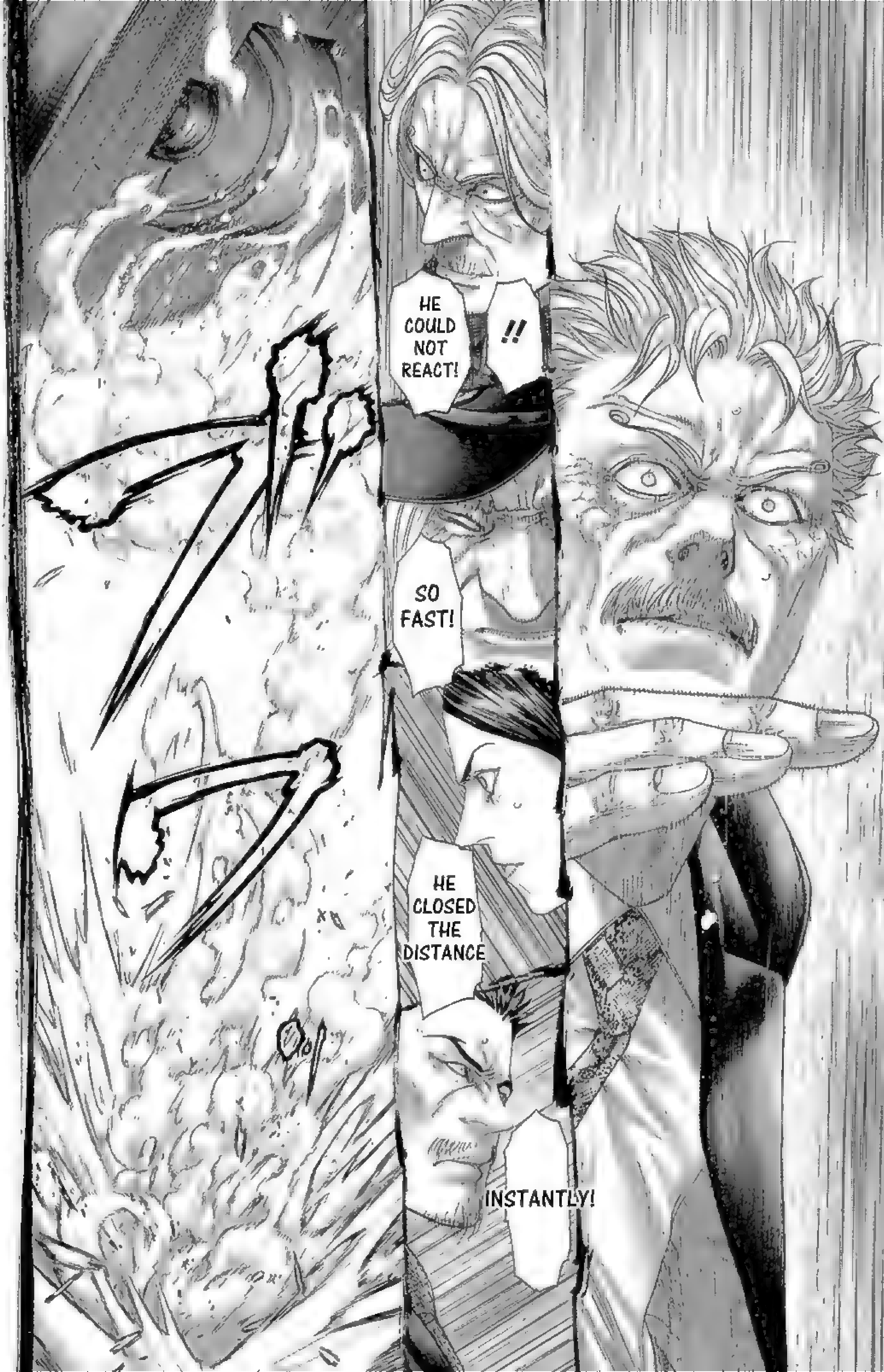
AT THAT TIME,
NO ONE BLINKED.
NONE OF THE PEOPLE AROUND,
NOR DID THE ONE WHO WAS FIGHTING,
MOVE THEIR EYES AWAY.
NOT EVEN FOR AN INSTANT.
BUT ONLY THE ONE WHO WAS FIGHTING SAW THAT...
IT SEEMED LIKE
!
THAT THE MAN'S BODY
INFLATED INSTANTLY.

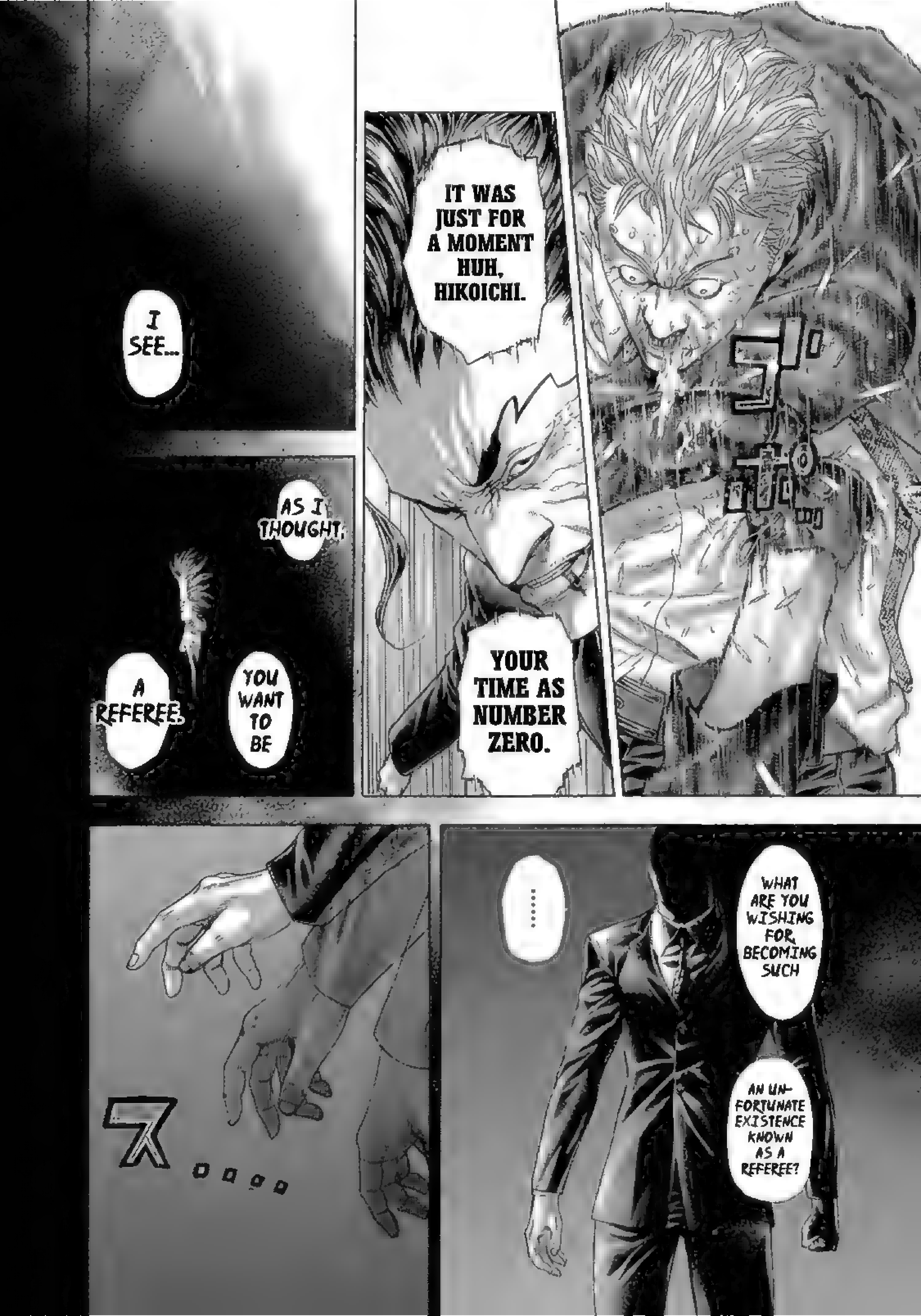
GUHAA...

CHAPTER 266

CONQUEROR

WELL THEN,
YOU, WHO HAVE BEEN LIVING AND WAVING YOUR STRENGTH SO FREELY DURING YOUR LIFE,
ARE A PART OF KAKEROU NOW.
HOW DO YOU
PLAN TO LIVE YOUR LIFE FROM NOW ON?


HE COULD NOT REACT!
!!
SO FAST!
HE CLOSED THE DISTANCE
INSTANTLY!


IT WAS JUST FOR A MOMENT HUH, HIKOICHI.
YOUR TIME AS NUMBER ZERO.
I SEE...
AS I THOUGHT.
YOU WANT TO BE
A REFEREE.
WHAT ARE YOU WISHING FOR, BECOMING SUCH
AN UNFORTUNATE EXISTENCE KNOWN AS A REFEREE?
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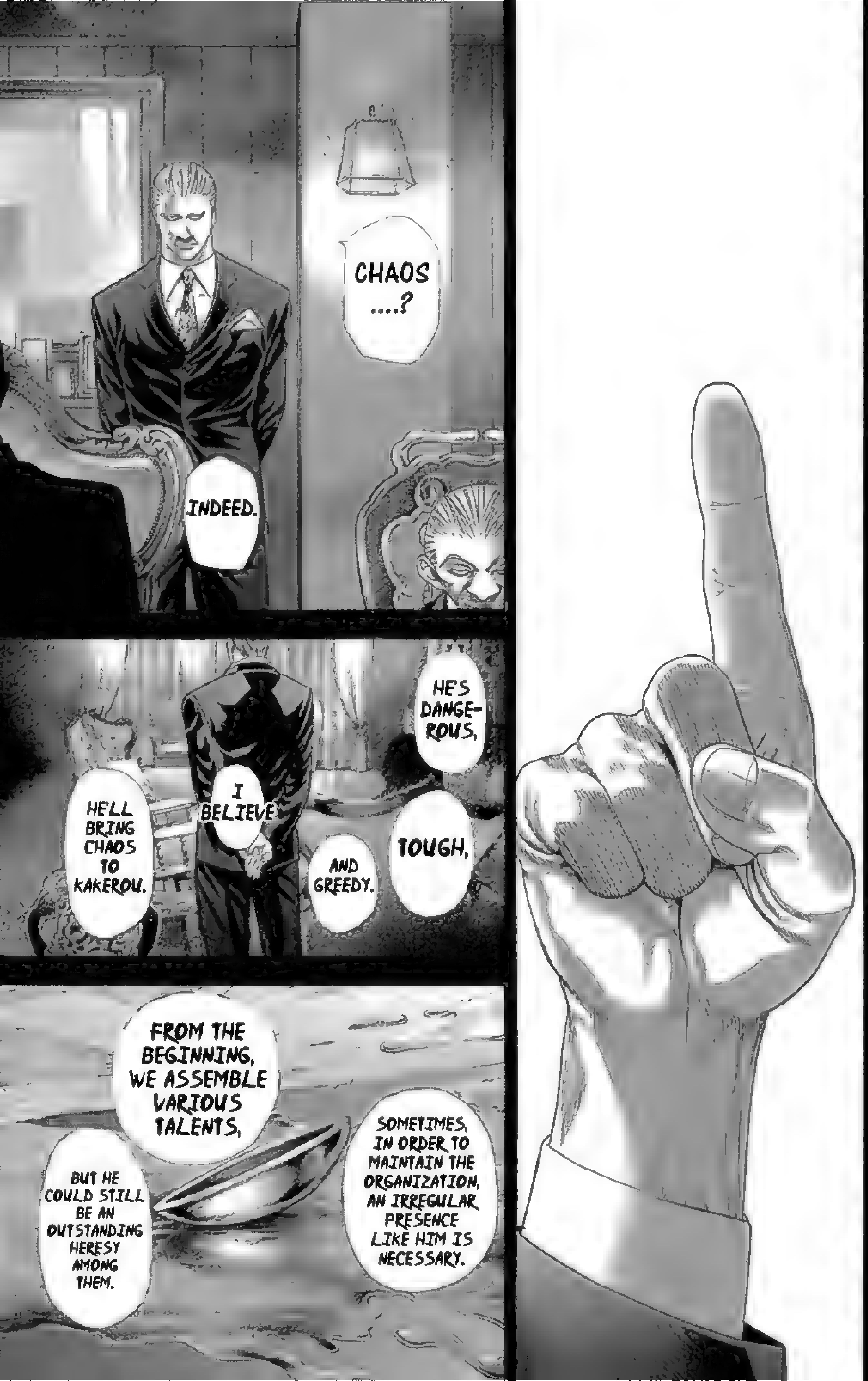
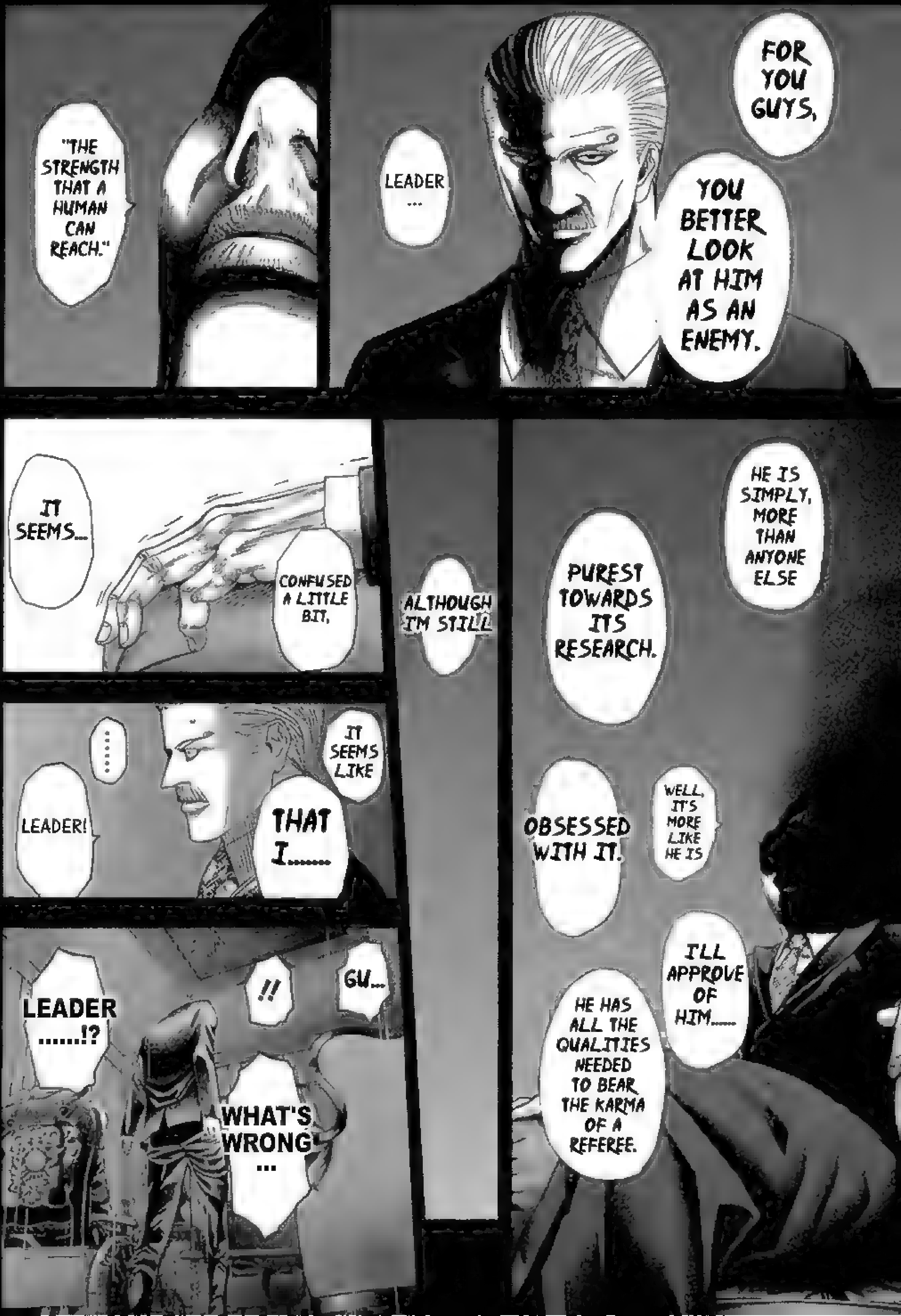

CHAOS ....?
INDEED.
I BELIEVE
HE'S DANGEROUS,
TOUGH,
AND GREEDY.
HE'LL BRING CHAOS TO KAKEROU.
FROM THE BEGINNING, WE ASSEMBLE VARIOUS TALENTS,
BUT HE COULD STILL BE AN OUTSTANDING HERESY AMONG THEM.
SOMETIMES, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE ORGANIZATION, AN IRREGULAR PRESENCE LIKE HIM IS NECESSARY.


FOR YOU GUYS,
YOU BETTER LOOK AT HIM AS AN ENEMY.
LEADER ...
"THE STRENGTH THAT A HUMAN CAN REACH."
HE IS SIMPLY, MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE
PUREST TOWARDS ITS RESEARCH.
WELL, IT'S MORE LIKE HE IS
OBSESSED WITH IT.
I'LL APPROVE OF HIM......
HE HAS ALL THE QUALITIES NEEDED TO BEAR THE KARMA OF A REFEREE.
ALTHOUGH I'M STILL
CONFUSED A LITTLE BIT,
IT SEEMS...
IT SEEMS LIKE
THAT I.......
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LEADER!
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LEADER.......!?
WHAT'S WRONG ...

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LEADER
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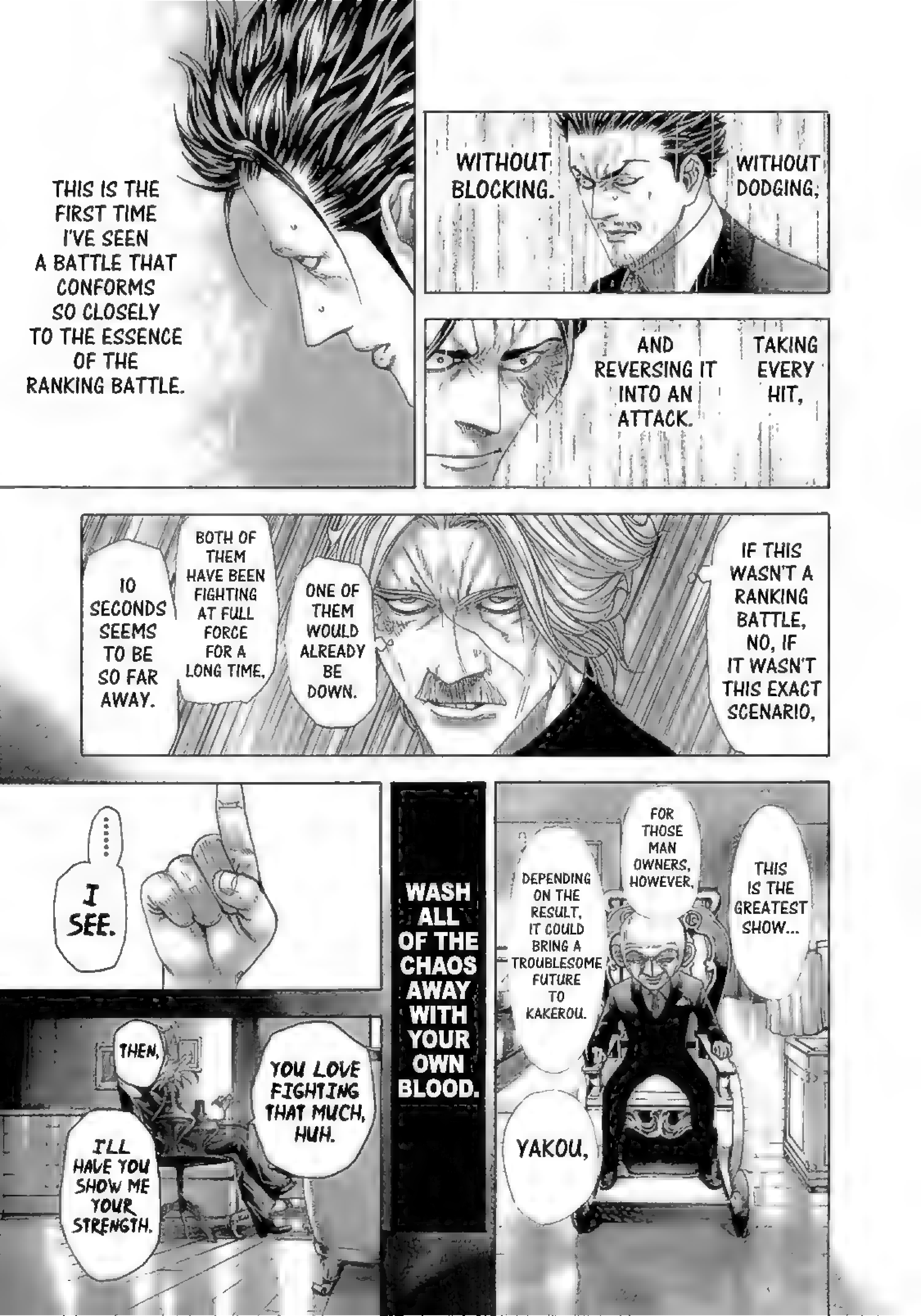
WITHOUT DODGING,
WITHOUT BLOCKING.
TAKING EVERY HIT,
AND REVERSING IT INTO AN ATTACK.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN A BATTLE THAT CONFORMS SO CLOSELY TO THE ESSENCE OF THE RANKING BATTLE.
IF THIS WASN'T A RANKING BATTLE, NO, IF IT WASN'T THIS EXACT SCENARIO,
ONE OF THEM WOULD ALREADY BE DOWN.
BOTH OF THEM HAVE BEEN FIGHTING AT FULL FORCE FOR A LONG TIME,
10 SECONDS SEEMS TO BE SO FAR AWAY.
THIS IS THE GREATEST SHOW...
FOR THOSE MAN OWNERS, HOWEVER,
DEPENDING ON THE RESULT, IT COULD BRING A TROUBLESOME FUTURE TO KAKEROU.
YAKOU,
WASH ALL OF THE CHAOS AWAY WITH YOUR OWN BLOOD.
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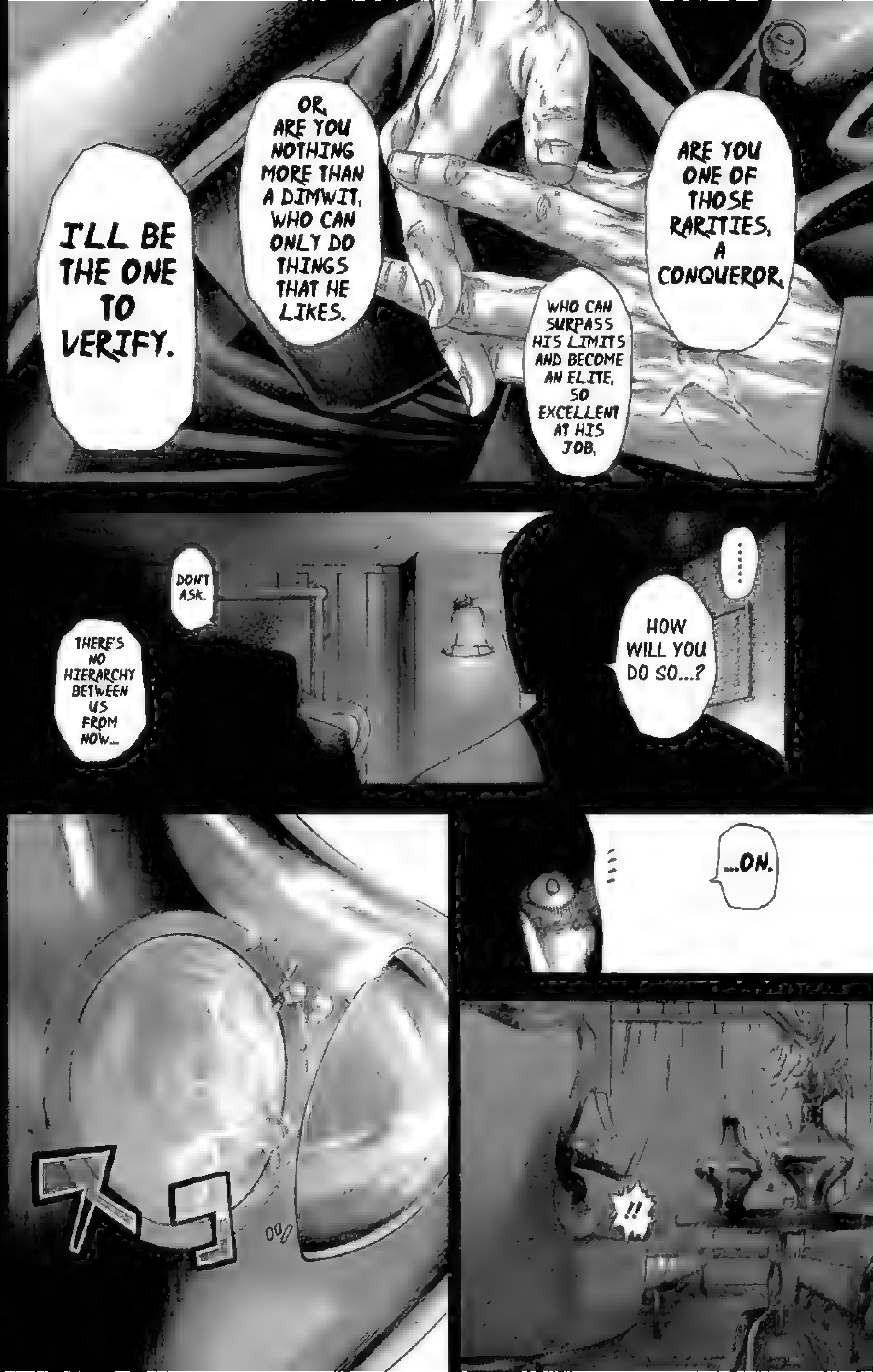
I SEE.
YOU LOVE FIGHTING THAT MUCH, HUH.
THEN,
I'LL HAVE YOU SHOW ME YOUR STRENGTH.


ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE RARITIES, A CONQUEROR,
WHO CAN SURPASS HIS LIMITS AND BECOME AN ELITE, SO EXCELLENT AT HIS JOB,
OR, ARE YOU NOTHING MORE THAN A DIMWIT, WHO CAN ONLY DO THINGS THAT HE LIKES.
I'LL BE THE ONE TO VERIFY.
......
HOW WILL YOU DO SO...?
DONT ASK.
THERE'S NO HIERARCHY BETWEEN US FROM NOW...
...ON.
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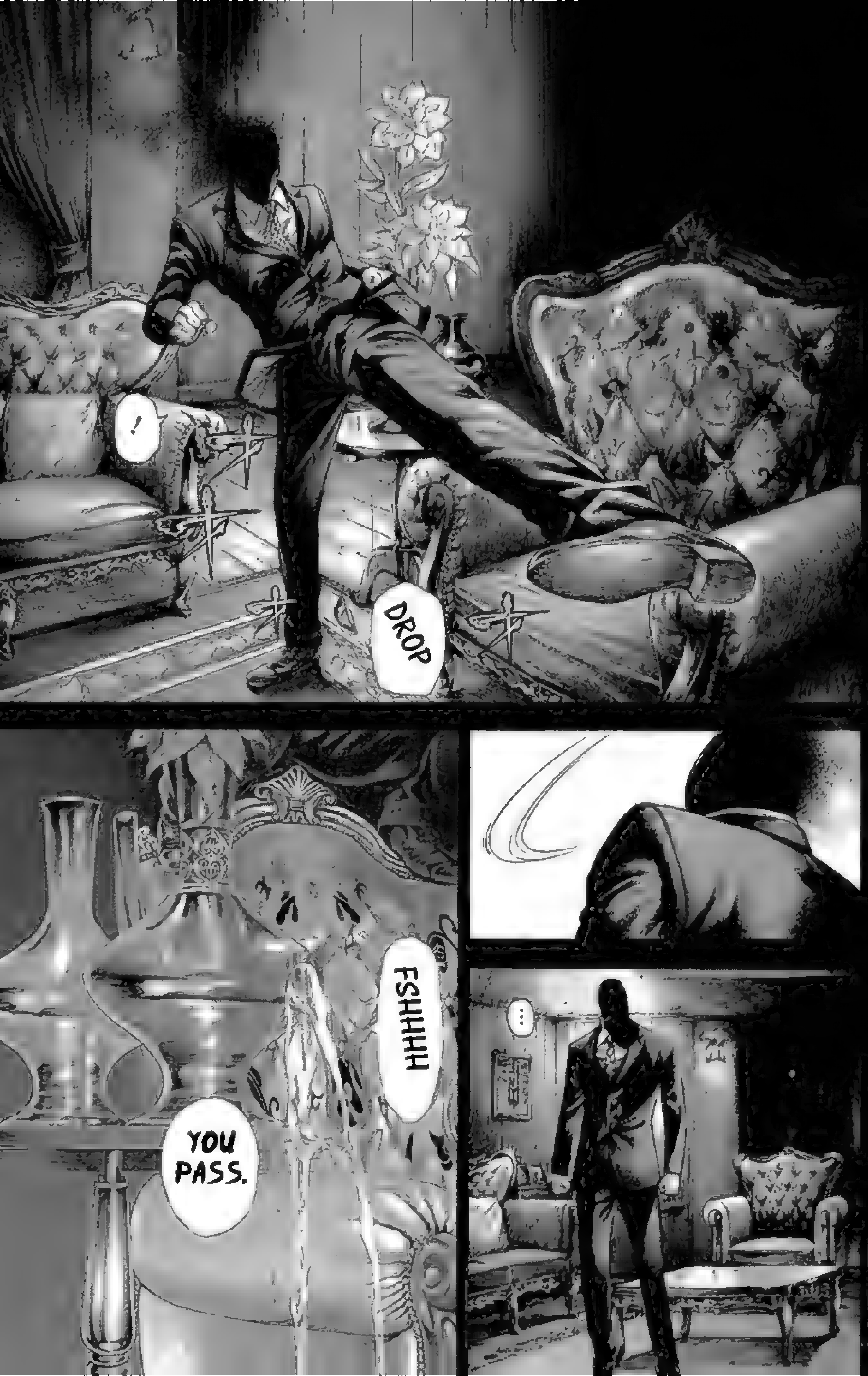
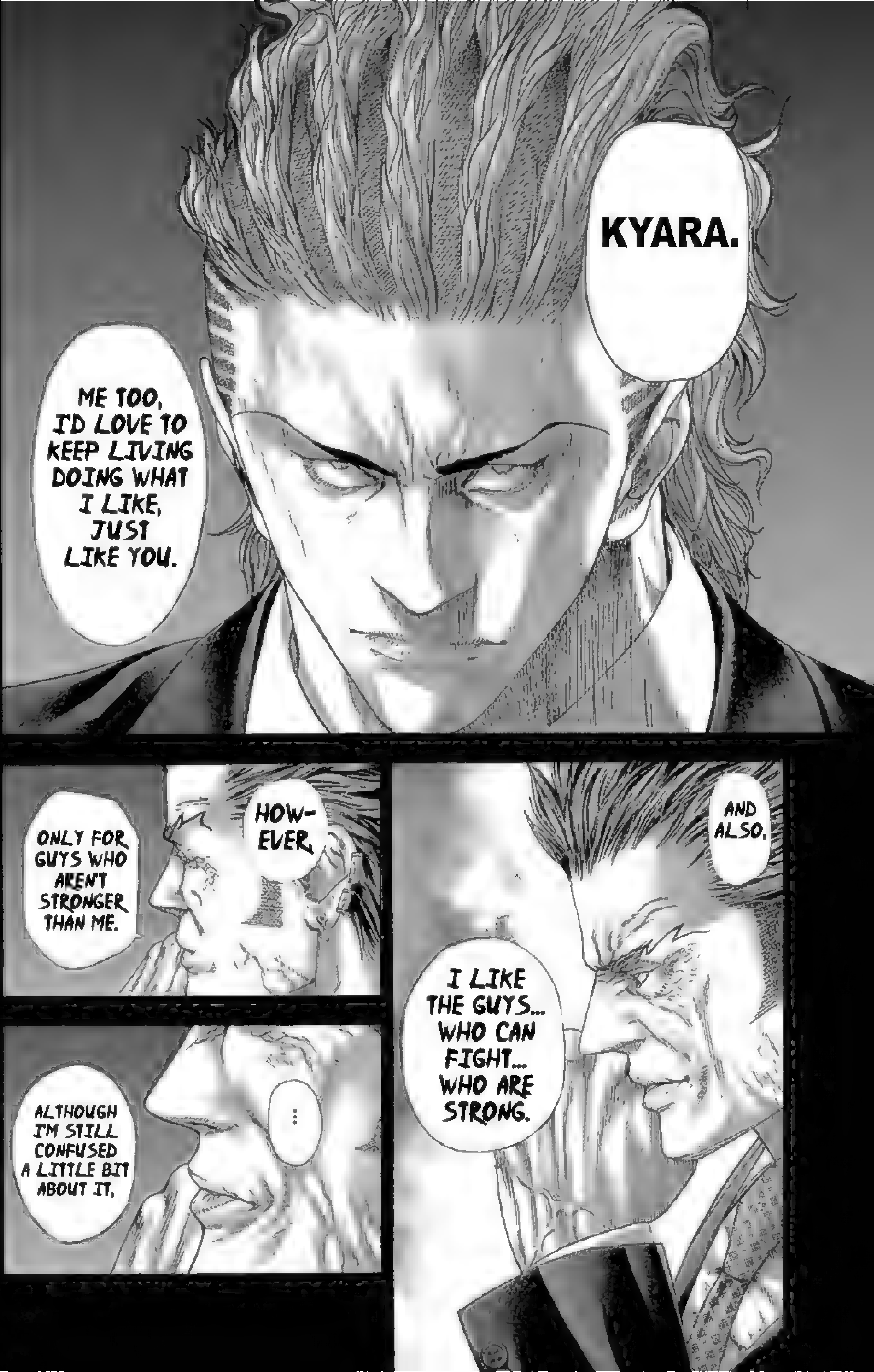

DROP
!
…
FSHHHH
YOU PASS.

GUHA!

THAT MAN IS...
THE ORGANIZATION'S PREVIOUS LEADER.
I AM
JEALOUS OF YOU,

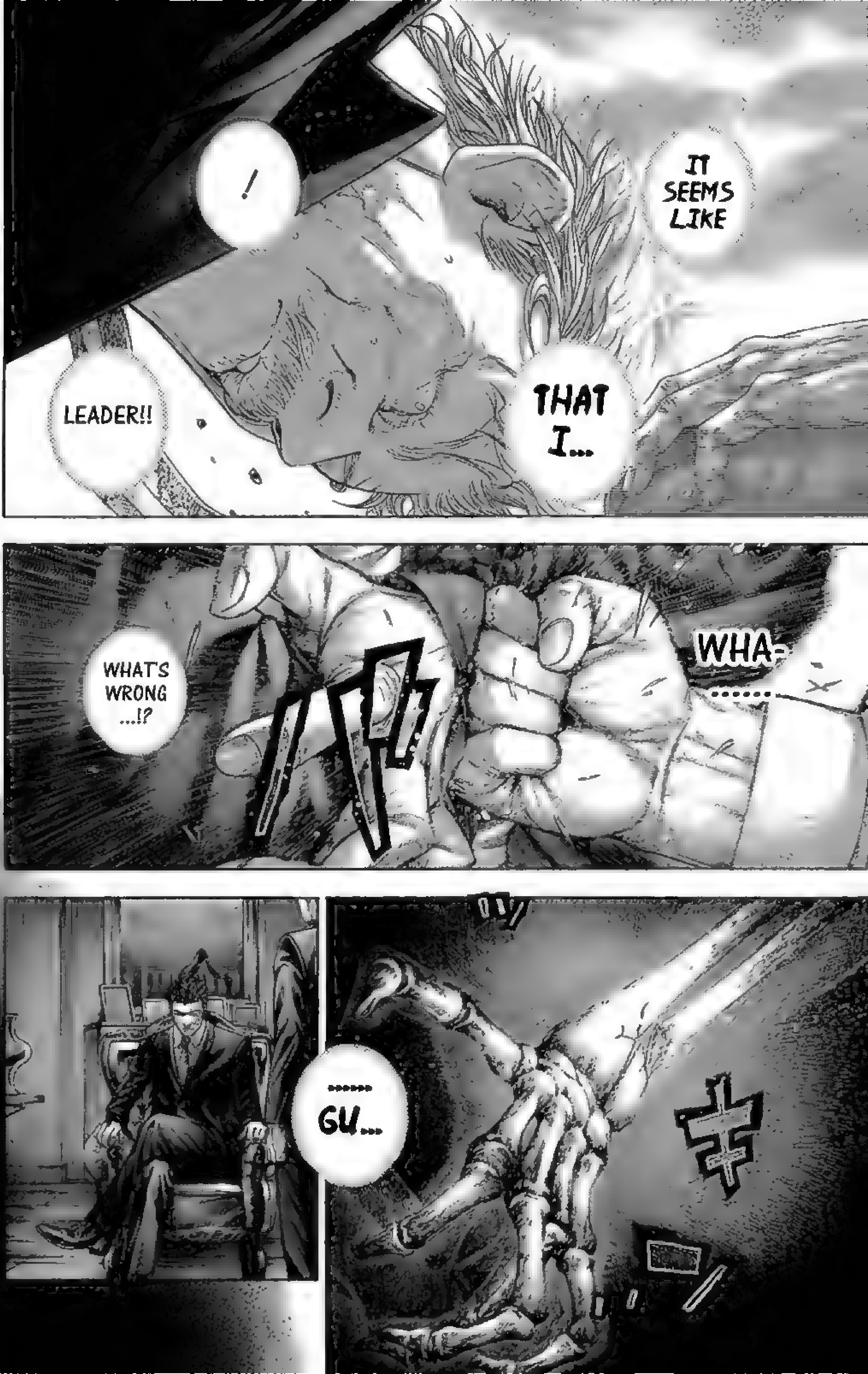

KYARA.
ME TOO, I'D LOVE TO KEEP LIVING DOING WHAT I LIKE, JUST LIKE YOU.
AND ALSO,
I LIKE THE GUYS... WHO CAN FIGHT... WHO ARE STRONG.
HOW-EVER,
ONLY FOR GUYS WHO AREN'T STRONGER THAN ME.
...
ALTHOUGH I'M STILL CONFUSED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT IT.

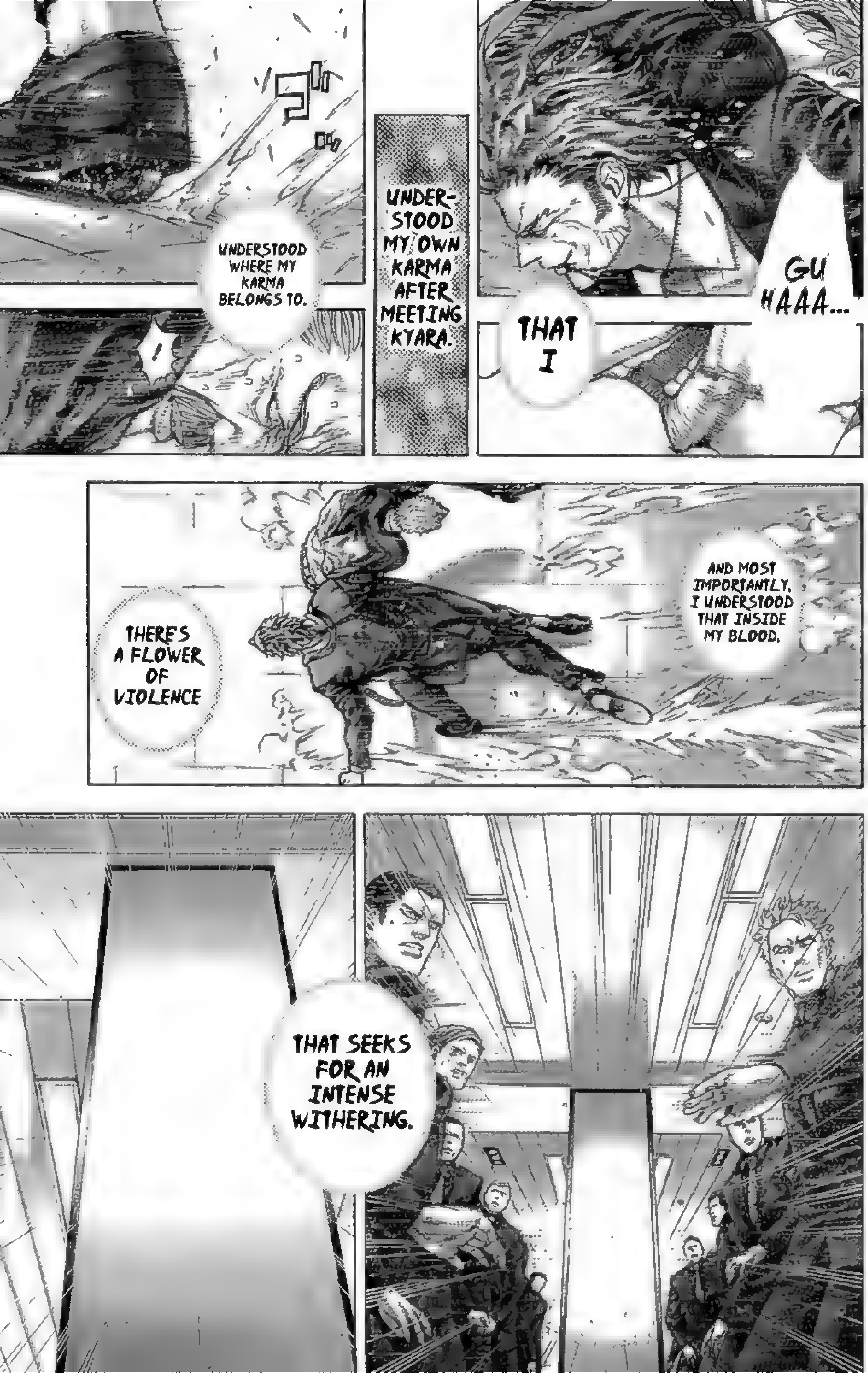
I LIKE YOU,
KYARA.
!
HIKOICHI~

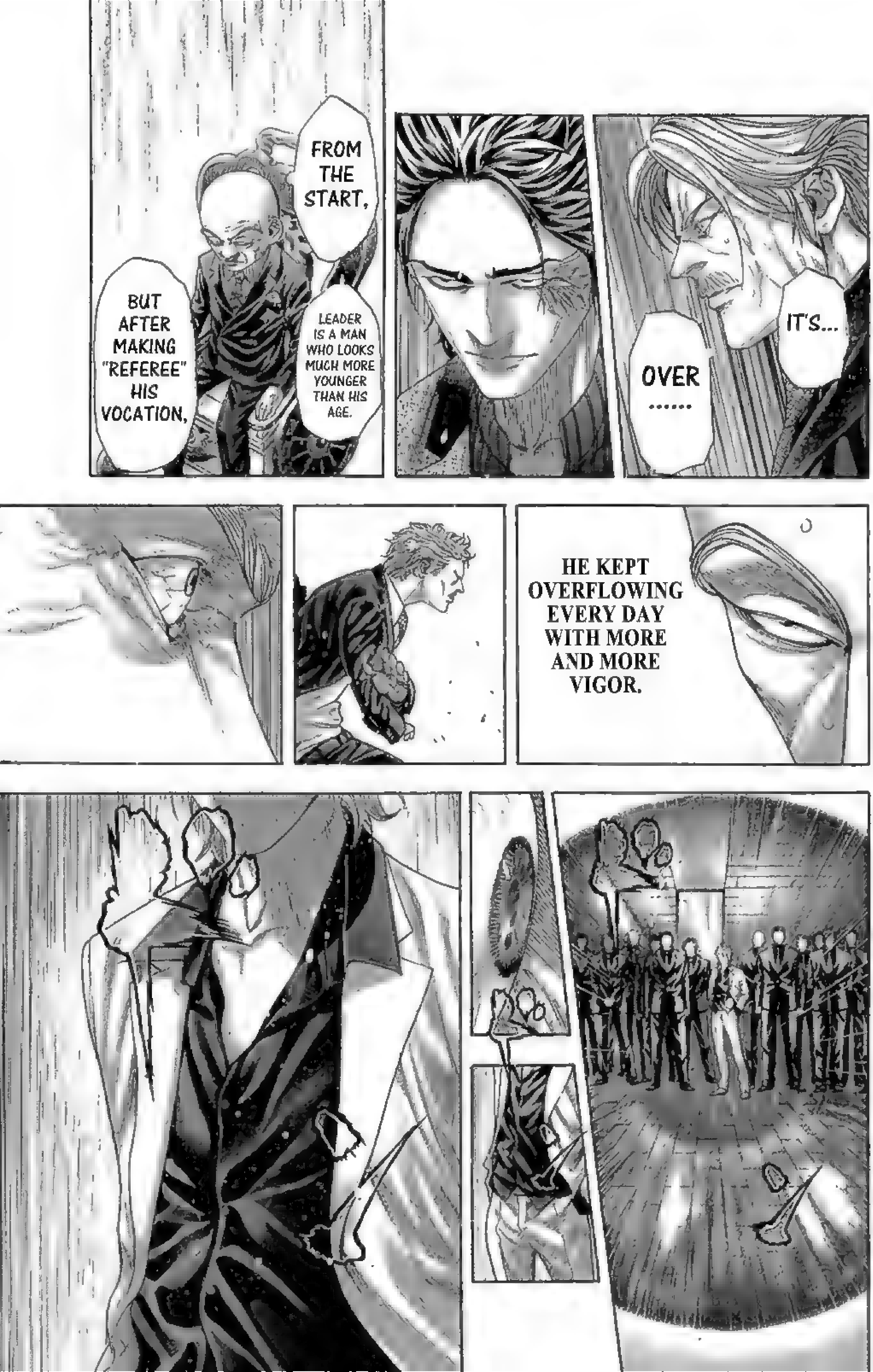
BOW DOWN TO ME.

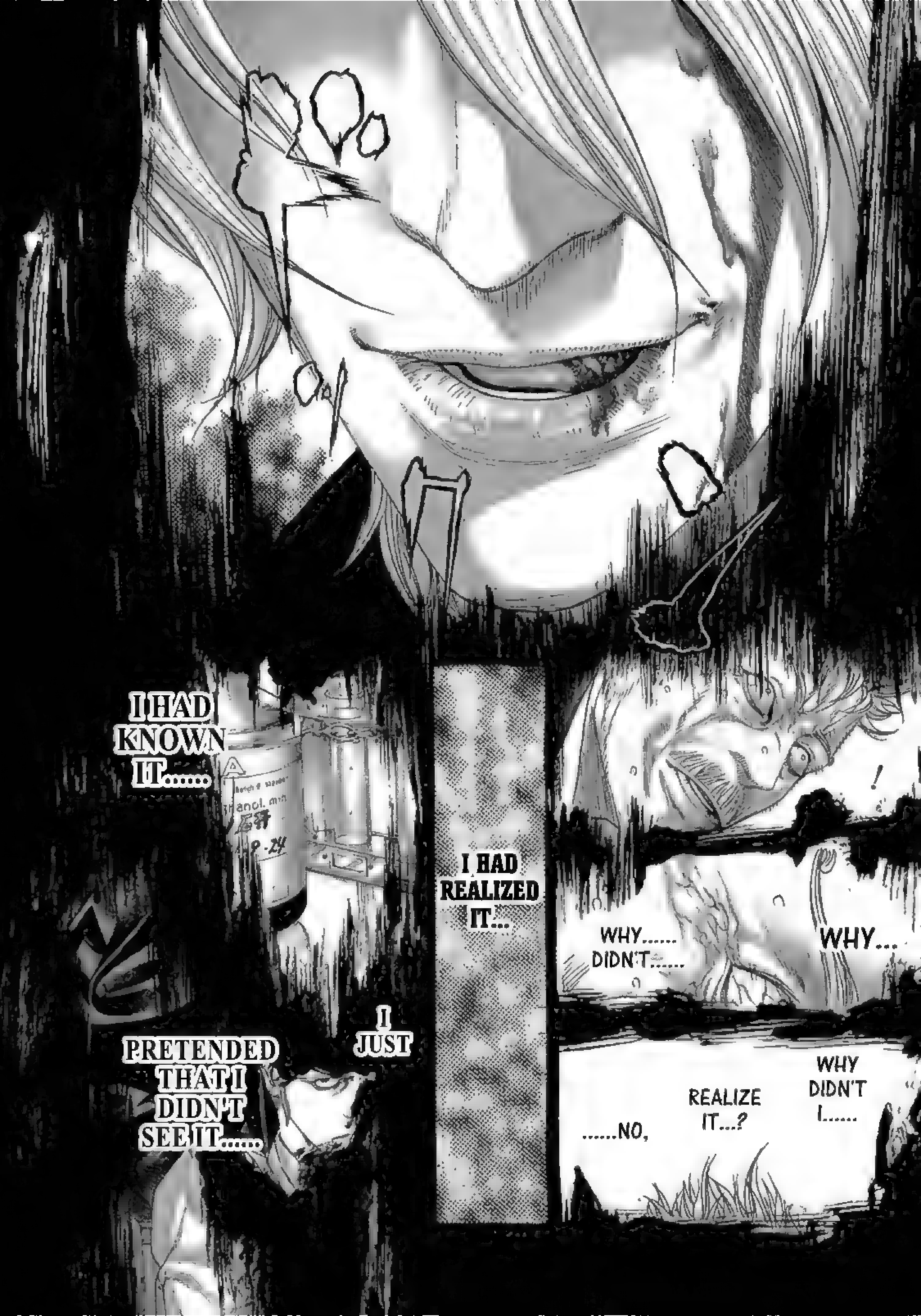
CHAPTER 267

VIOLENCE WITHERS


IT SEEMS LIKE
THAT I...
!
LEADER!!
WHA- ......
WHAT'S WRONG ...!?
...... GU...


GU HAAA...
THAT I
UNDER-STOOD MY OWN KARMA AFTER MEETING KYARA.
UNDERSTOOD WHERE MY KARMA BELONGS TO.
AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, I UNDERSTOOD THAT INSIDE MY BLOOD,
THERE'S A FLOWER OF VIOLENCE
THAT SEEKS FOR AN INTENSE WITHERING.


IT'S...
OVER ......
FROM THE START,
LEADER IS A MAN WHO LOOKS MUCH MORE YOUNGER THAN HIS AGE.
BUT AFTER MAKING "REFEREE" HIS VOCATION,
HE KEPT OVERFLOWING EVERY DAY WITH MORE AND MORE VIGOR.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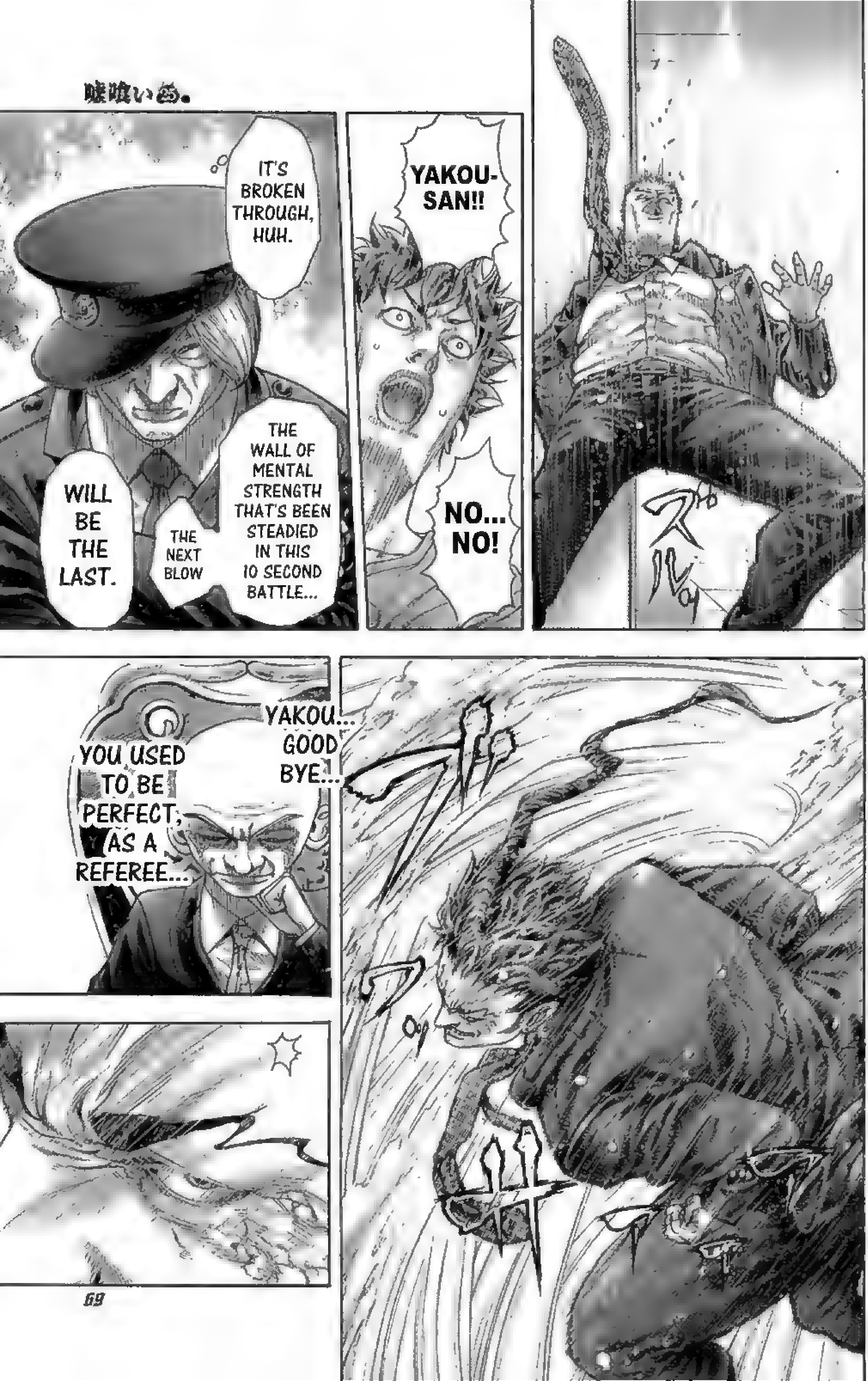
WHY...
WHY...... DIDN'T......
WHY DIDN'T I......
REALIZE IT...?
......NO,
I HAD REALIZED IT...
I HAD KNOWN IT......
I JUST
PRETENDED THAT I DIDN'T SEE IT......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YAKOU-SAN!!
NO... NO!
IT'S BROKEN THROUGH, HUH.
THE WALL OF MENTAL STRENGTH THAT'S BEEN STEADIED IN THIS 10 SECOND BATTLE...
THE NEXT BLOW
WILL BE THE LAST.
YAKOU... GOOD BYE...
YOU USED TO BE PERFECT, AS A REFEREE...

HIKOICHI ……
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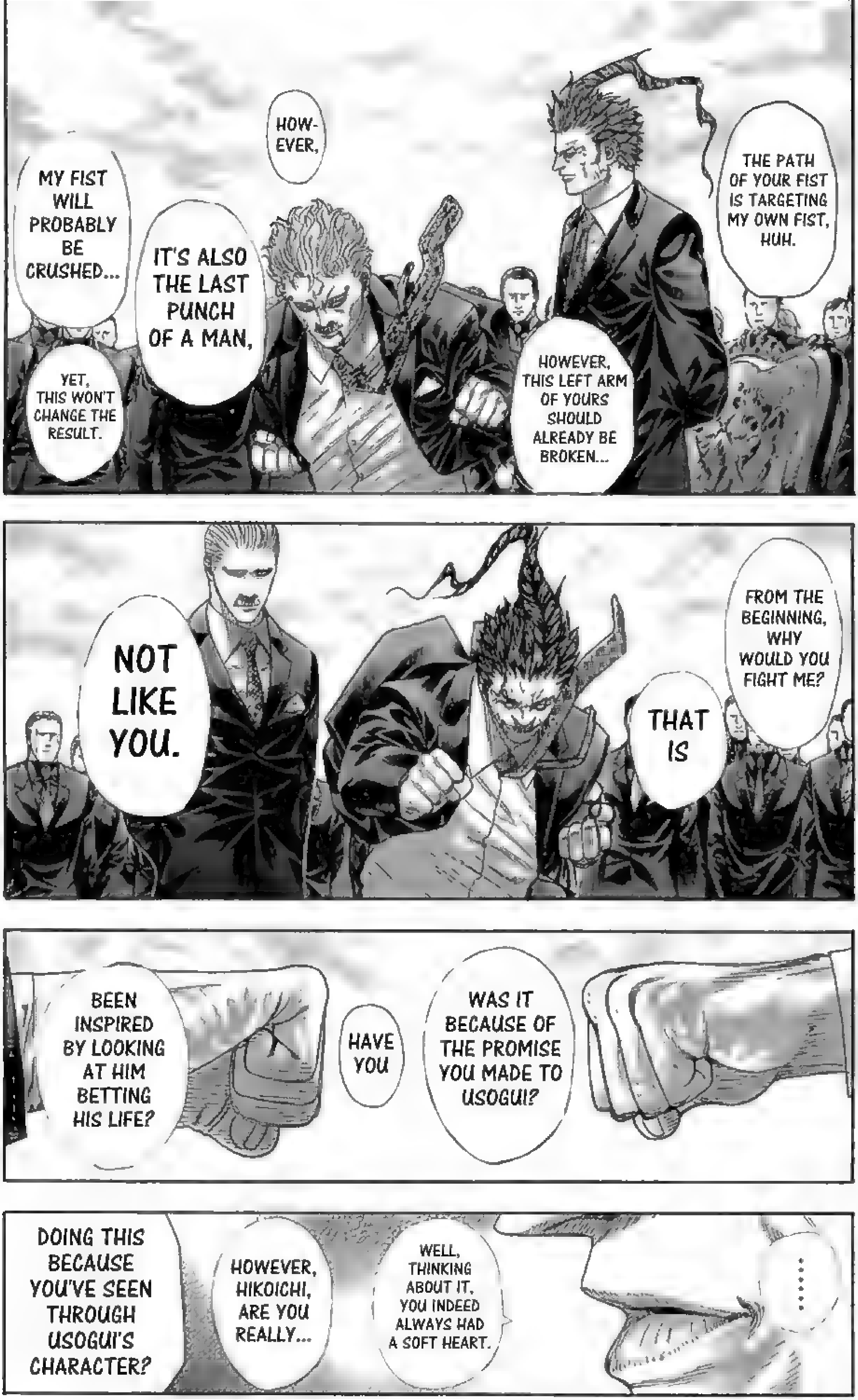
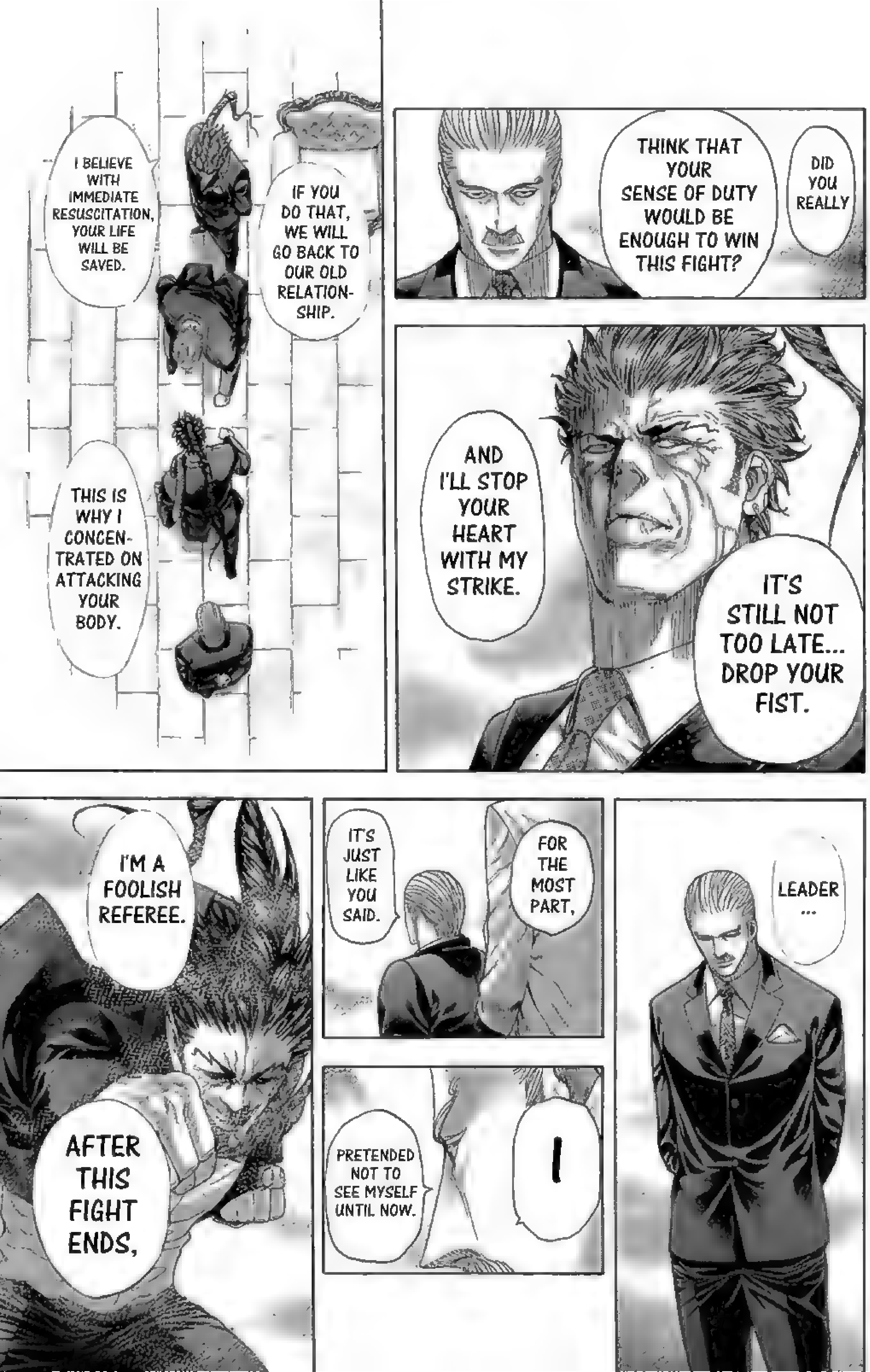
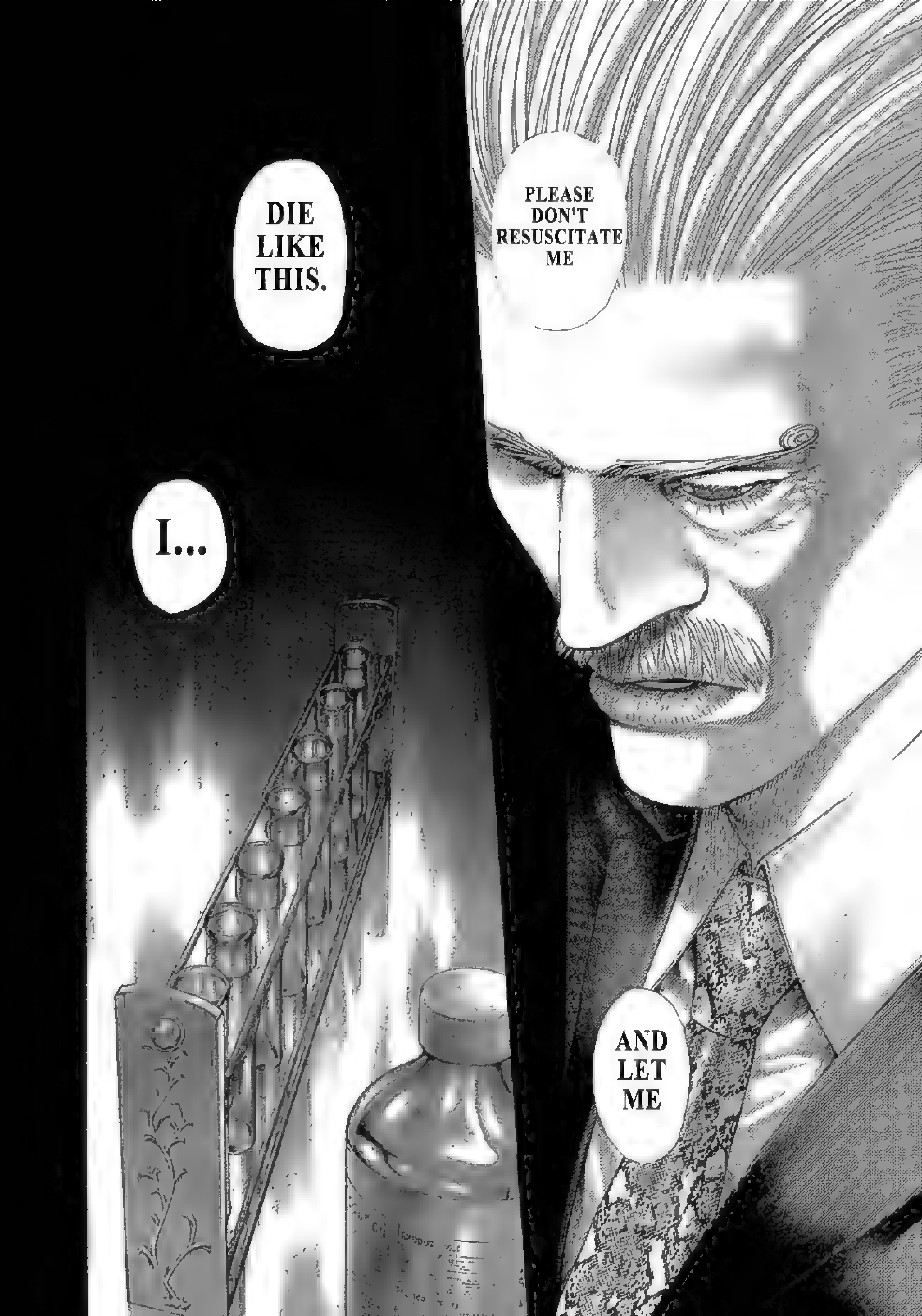
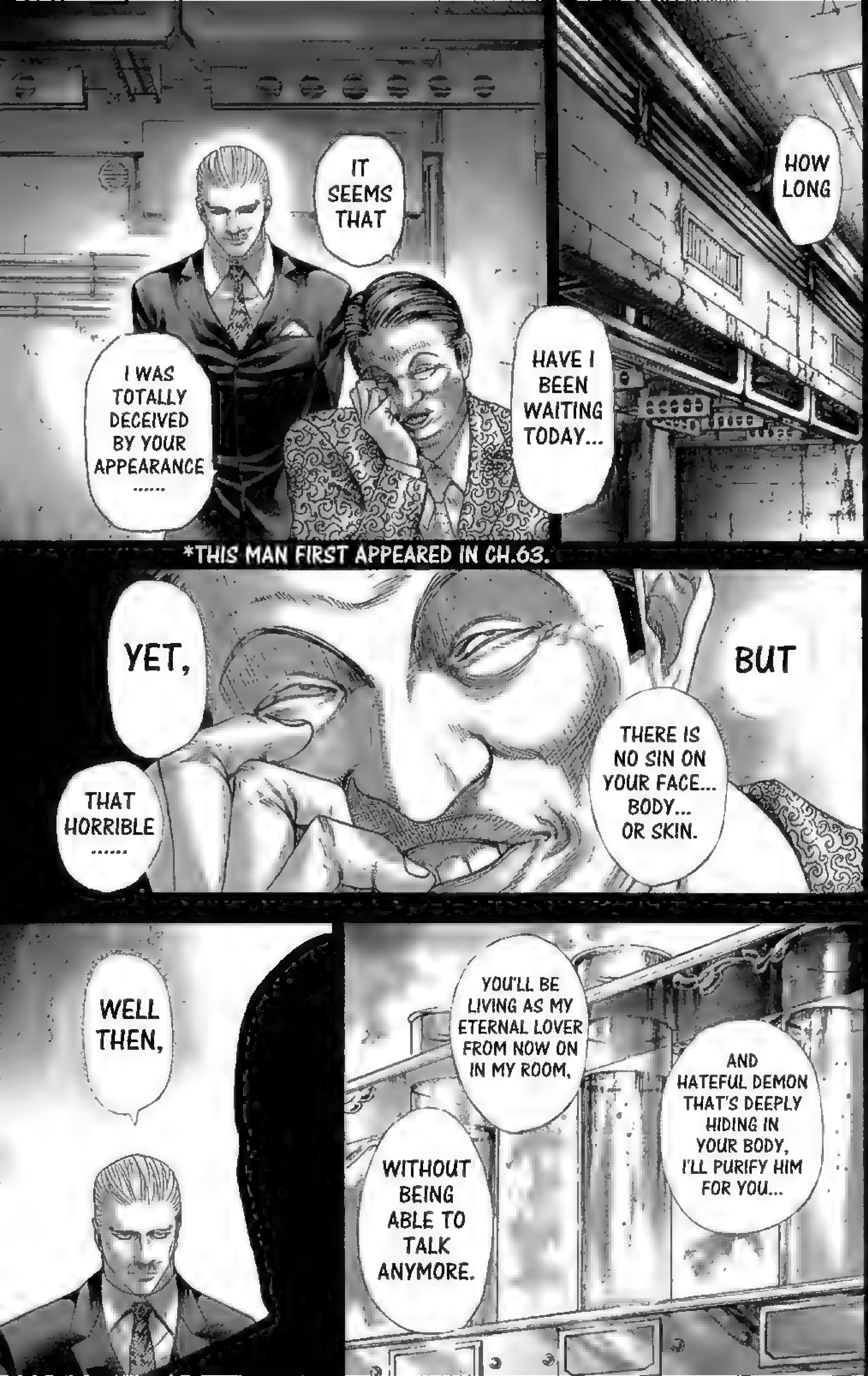
HIKOICHI ......

YOU DID WELL, STANDING UP AGAIN
WHILE YOUR BODY
WAS SCREAMING IN PAIN AFTER YOU TOOK MY BLOW...
IMPRESSIVE.
PROBABLY, AFTER THIS EXCHANGE
YOUR BODY WILL STIFFEN.
AND YOU WILL DEFINITELY BE KILLED
BY MY NEXT ATTACK.


THE PATH OF YOUR FIST IS TARGETING MY OWN FIST, HUH.
HOWEVER, THIS LEFT ARM OF YOURS SHOULD ALREADY BE BROKEN...
HOW-EVER,
IT'S ALSO THE LAST PUNCH OF A MAN,
MY FIST WILL PROBABLY BE CRUSHED...
YET, THIS WON'T CHANGE THE RESULT.
FROM THE BEGINNING, WHY WOULD YOU FIGHT ME?
THAT IS
NOT LIKE YOU.
WAS IT BECAUSE OF THE PROMISE YOU MADE TO USOGUI?
HAVE YOU
BEEN INSPIRED BY LOOKING AT HIM BETTING HIS LIFE?
......
WELL, THINKING ABOUT IT, YOU INDEED ALWAYS HAD A SOFT HEART.
HOWEVER, HIKOICHI, ARE YOU REALLY...
DOING THIS BECAUSE YOU'VE SEEN THROUGH USOGUI'S CHARACTER?

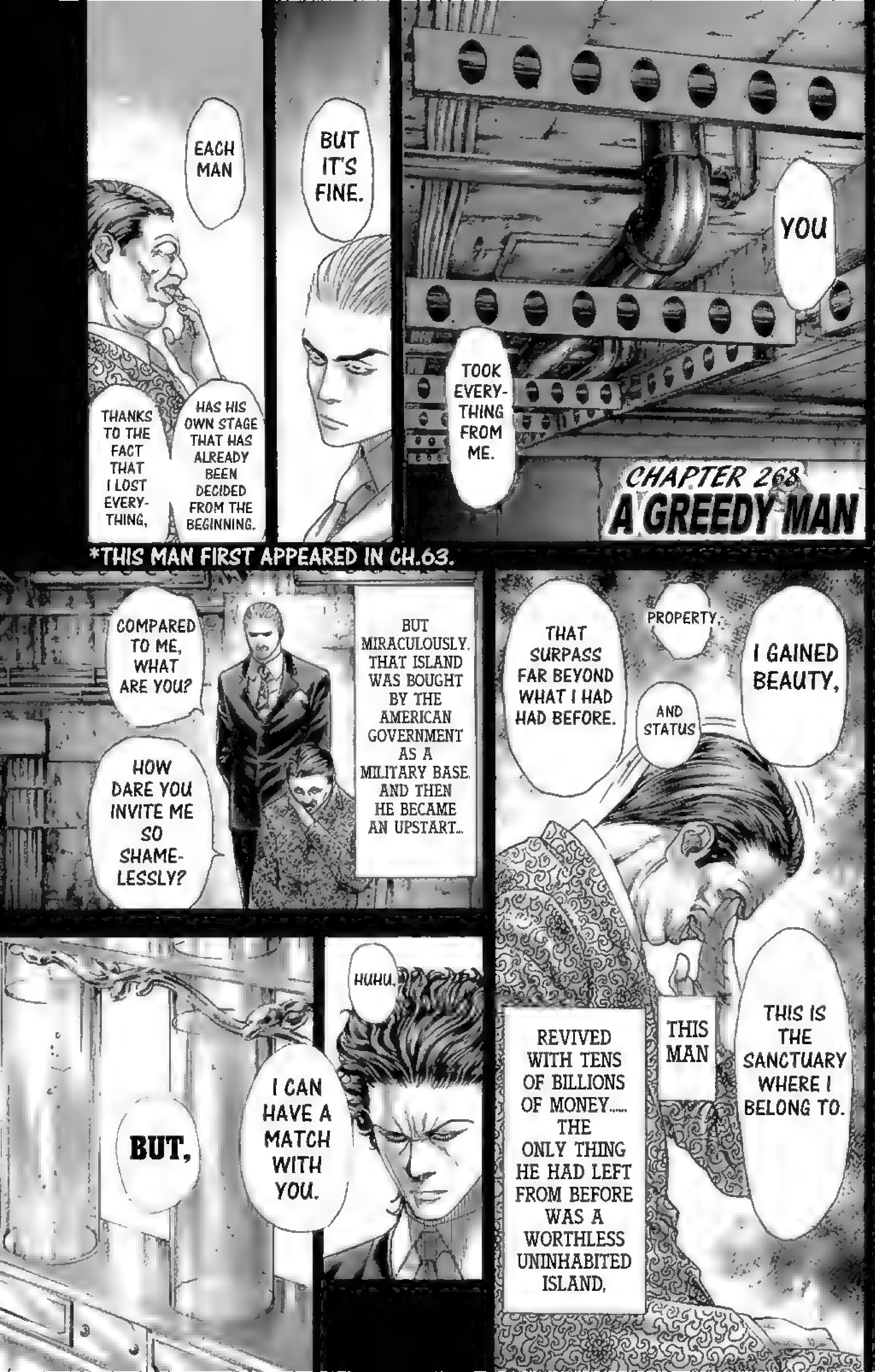

DID YOU REALLY
THINK THAT YOUR SENSE OF DUTY WOULD BE ENOUGH TO WIN THIS FIGHT?
IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE... DROP YOUR FIST.
AND I'LL STOP YOUR HEART WITH MY STRIKE.
IF YOU DO THAT, WE WILL GO BACK TO OUR OLD RELATIONSHIP.
I BELIEVE WITH IMMEDIATE RESUSCITATION, YOUR LIFE WILL BE SAVED.
THIS IS WHY I CONCENTRATED ON ATTACKING YOUR BODY.
LEADER ...
FOR THE MOST PART,
IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID.
I
PRETENDED NOT TO SEE MYSELF UNTIL NOW.
I'M A FOOLISH REFEREE.
AFTER THIS FIGHT ENDS,


PLEASE DON'T RESUSCITATE ME
AND LET ME
DIE LIKE THIS.
I...

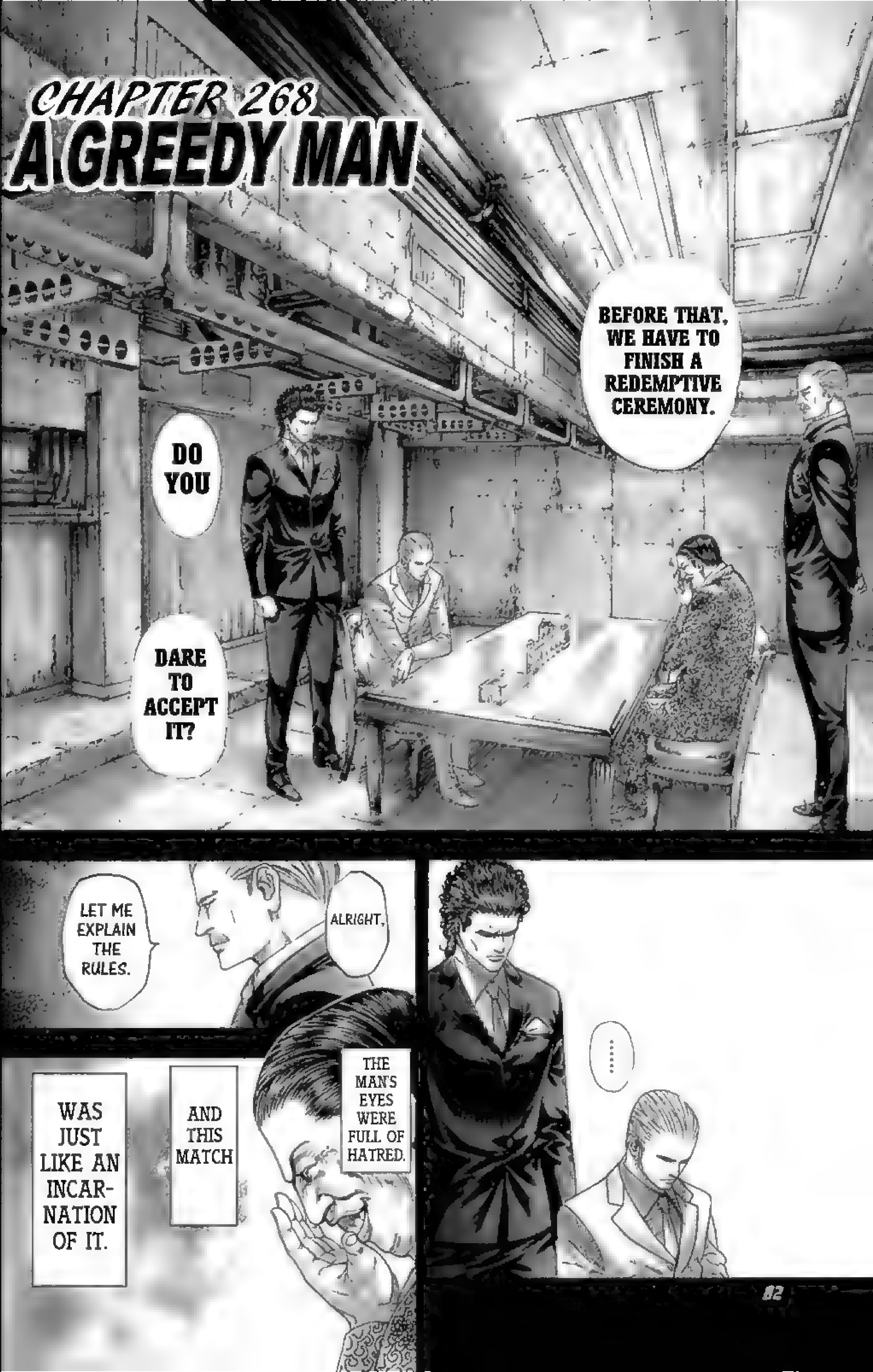

HOW LONG
HAVE I BEEN WAITING TODAY...
IT SEEMS THAT
I WAS TOTALLY DECEIVED BY YOUR APPEARANCE ......
BUT
THERE IS NO SIN ON YOUR FACE... BODY... OR SKIN.
YET,
THAT HORRIBLE ......
AND HATEFUL DEMON THAT'S DEEPLY HIDING IN YOUR BODY, I'LL PURIFY HIM FOR YOU...
YOU'LL BE LIVING AS MY ETERNAL LOVER FROM NOW ON IN MY ROOM,
WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO TALK ANYMORE.
WELL THEN,

*THIS MAN FIRST APPEARED IN CH.63.

ARE YOU READY?


CHAPTER 268
A GREEDY MAN
YOU
TOOK EVERYTHING FROM ME.
BUT IT'S FINE.
EACH MAN
HAS HIS OWN STAGE THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED FROM THE BEGINNING.
THANKS TO THE FACT THAT I LOST EVERYTHING,
*THIS MAN FIRST APPEARED IN CH.63.
I GAINED BEAUTY,
PROPERTY,
AND STATUS
THAT SURPASS FAR BEYOND WHAT I HAD HAD BEFORE.
THIS IS THE SANCTUARY WHERE I BELONG TO.
THIS MAN
REVIVED WITH TENS OF BILLIONS OF MONEY...... THE ONLY THING HE HAD LEFT FROM BEFORE WAS A WORTHLESS UNINHABITED ISLAND,
BUT MIRACULOUSLY, THAT ISLAND WAS BOUGHT BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AS A MILITARY BASE, AND THEN HE BECAME AN UPSTART..
COMPARED TO ME, WHAT ARE YOU?
HOW DARE YOU INVITE ME SO SHAMELESSLY?
HUHU,
I CAN HAVE A MATCH WITH YOU.
BUT,

CHAPTER 268
A GREEDY MAN


BEFORE THAT, WE HAVE TO FINISH A REDEMPTIVE CEREMONY.
DO YOU
DARE TO ACCEPT IT?
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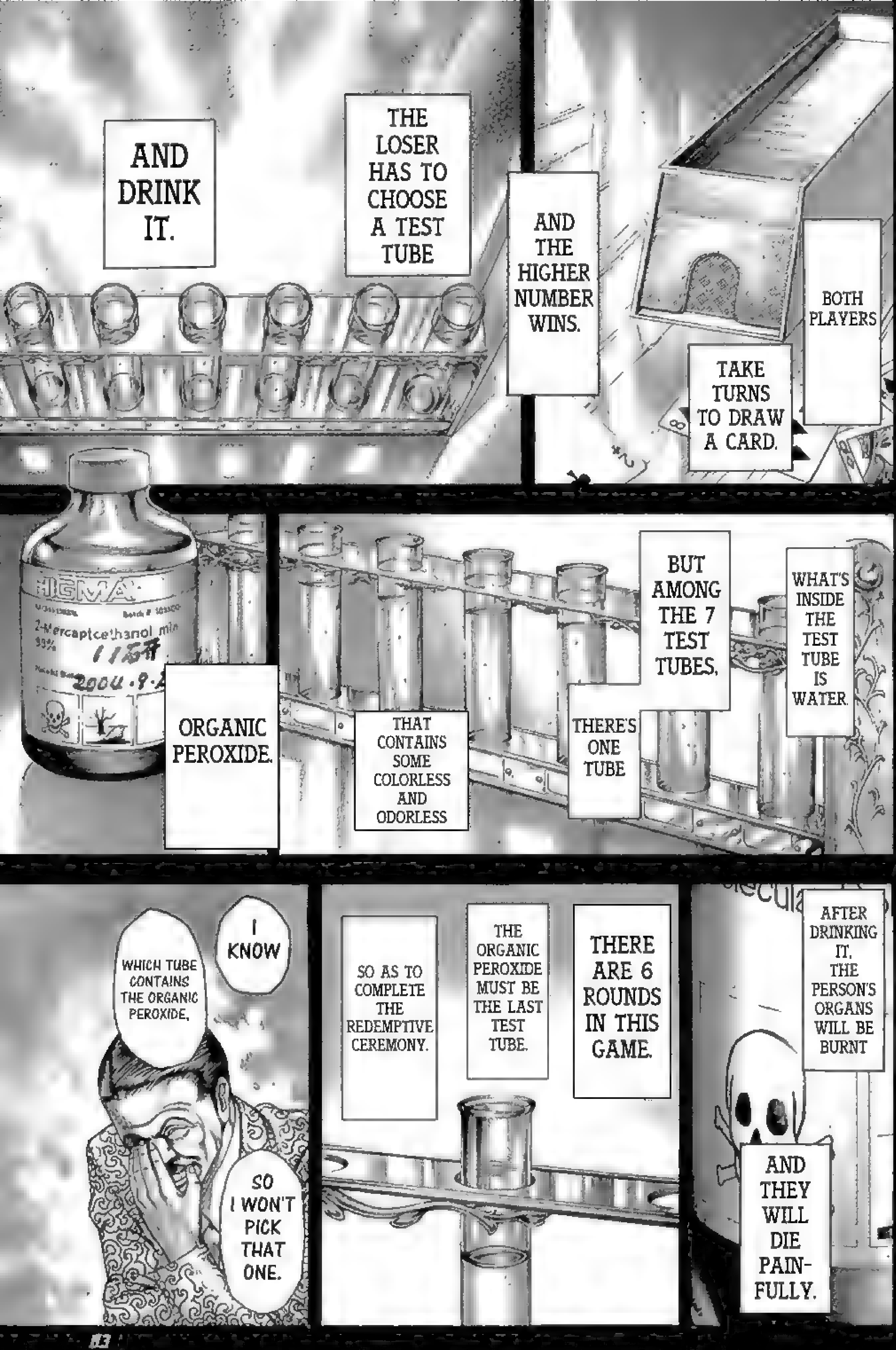
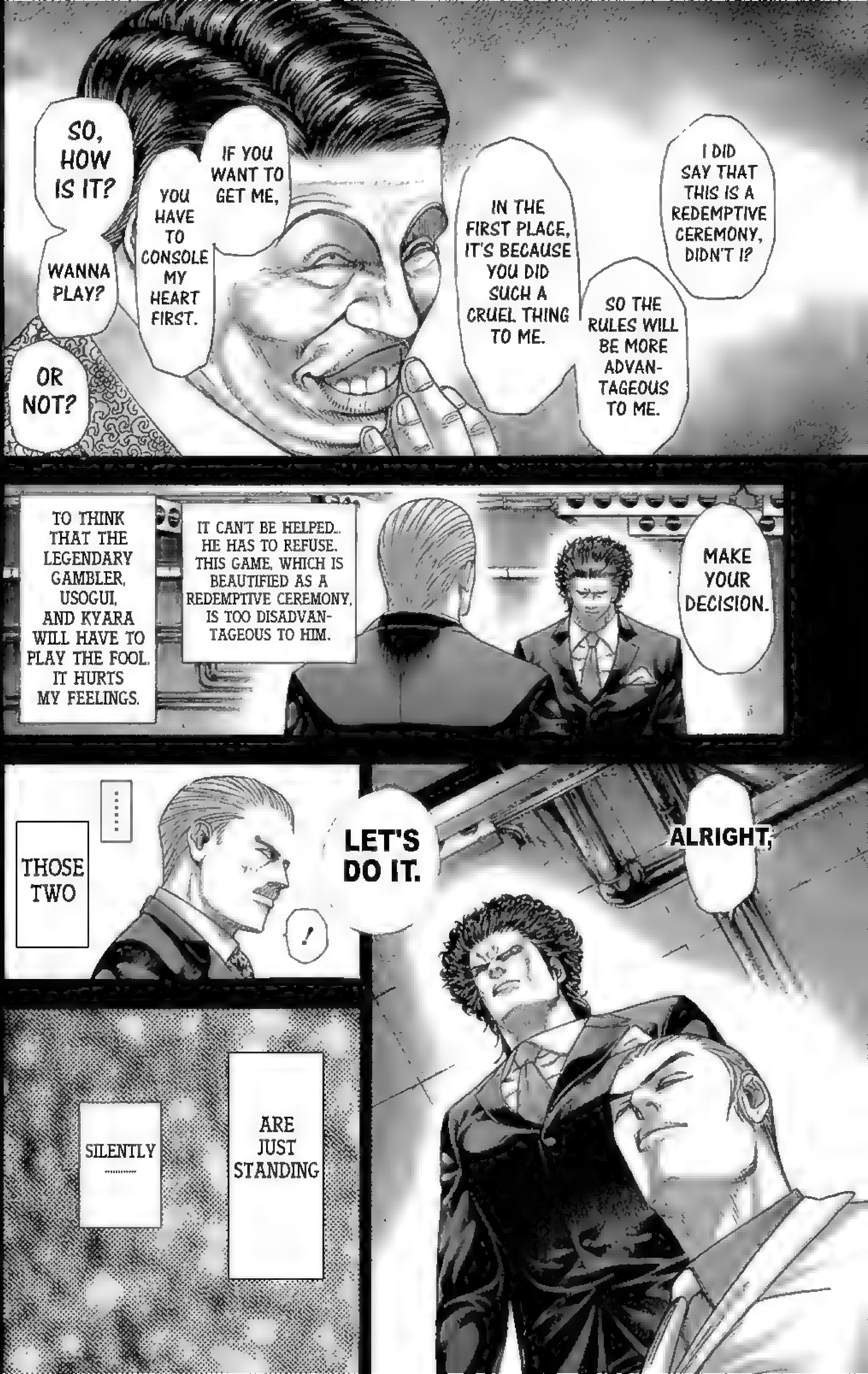
ALRIGHT,
LET ME EXPLAIN THE RULES.
THE MAN'S EYES WERE FULL OF HATRED.
AND THIS MATCH
WAS JUST LIKE AN INCARNATION OF IT.


BOTH PLAYERS
TAKE TURNS TO DRAW A CARD.
AND THE HIGHER NUMBER WINS.
THE LOSER HAS TO CHOOSE A TEST TUBE
AND DRINK IT.
WHAT'S INSIDE THE TEST TUBE IS WATER.
BUT AMONG THE 7 TEST TUBES,
THERE'S ONE TUBE
THAT CONTAINS SOME COLORLESS AND ODORLESS
ORGANIC PEROXIDE.
AFTER DRINKING IT, THE PERSON'S ORGANS WILL BE BURNT
AND THEY WILL DIE PAIN-FULLY.
THERE ARE 6 ROUNDS IN THIS GAME.
THE ORGANIC PEROXIDE MUST BE THE LAST TEST TUBE.
SO AS TO COMPLETE THE REDEMPTIVE CEREMONY.
I KNOW
WHICH TUBE CONTAINS THE ORGANIC PEROXIDE,
SO I WON'T PICK THAT ONE.


I DID SAY THAT THIS IS A REDEMPTIVE CEREMONY, DIDN'T I?
SO THE RULES WILL BE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO ME.
IN THE FIRST PLACE, IT'S BECAUSE YOU DID SUCH A CRUEL THING TO ME.
IF YOU WANT TO GET ME,
YOU HAVE TO CONSOLE MY HEART FIRST.
SO, HOW IS IT?
WANNA PLAY?
OR NOT?
MAKE YOUR DECISION.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.. HE HAS TO REFUSE. THIS GAME, WHICH IS BEAUTIFIED AS A REDEMPTIVE CEREMONY, IS TOO DISADVANTAGEOUS TO HIM.
TO THINK THAT THE LEGENDARY GAMBLER, USOGUI, AND KYARA WILL HAVE TO PLAY THE FOOL. IT HURTS MY FEELINGS.
ALRIGHT,
LET'S DO IT.
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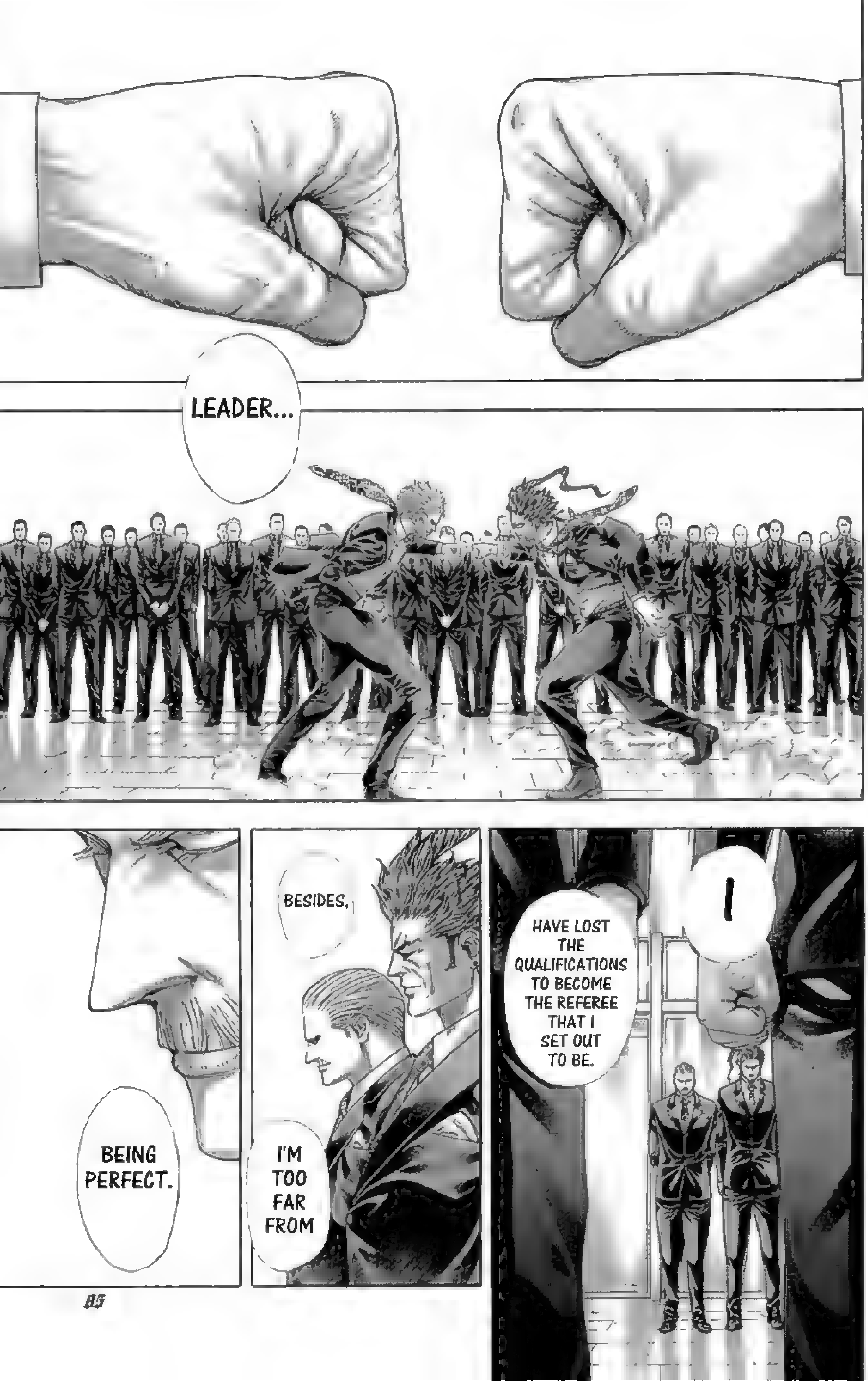
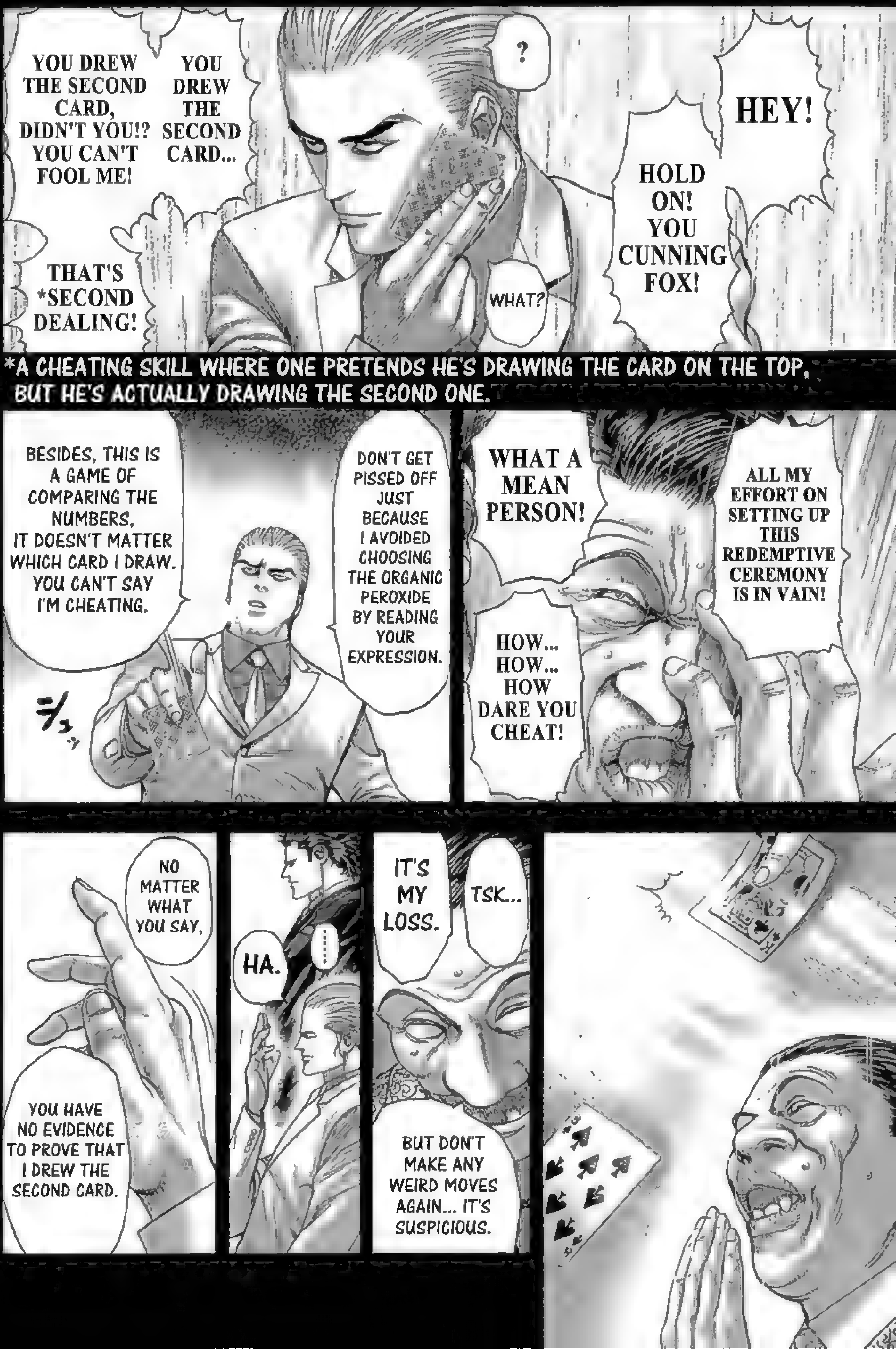
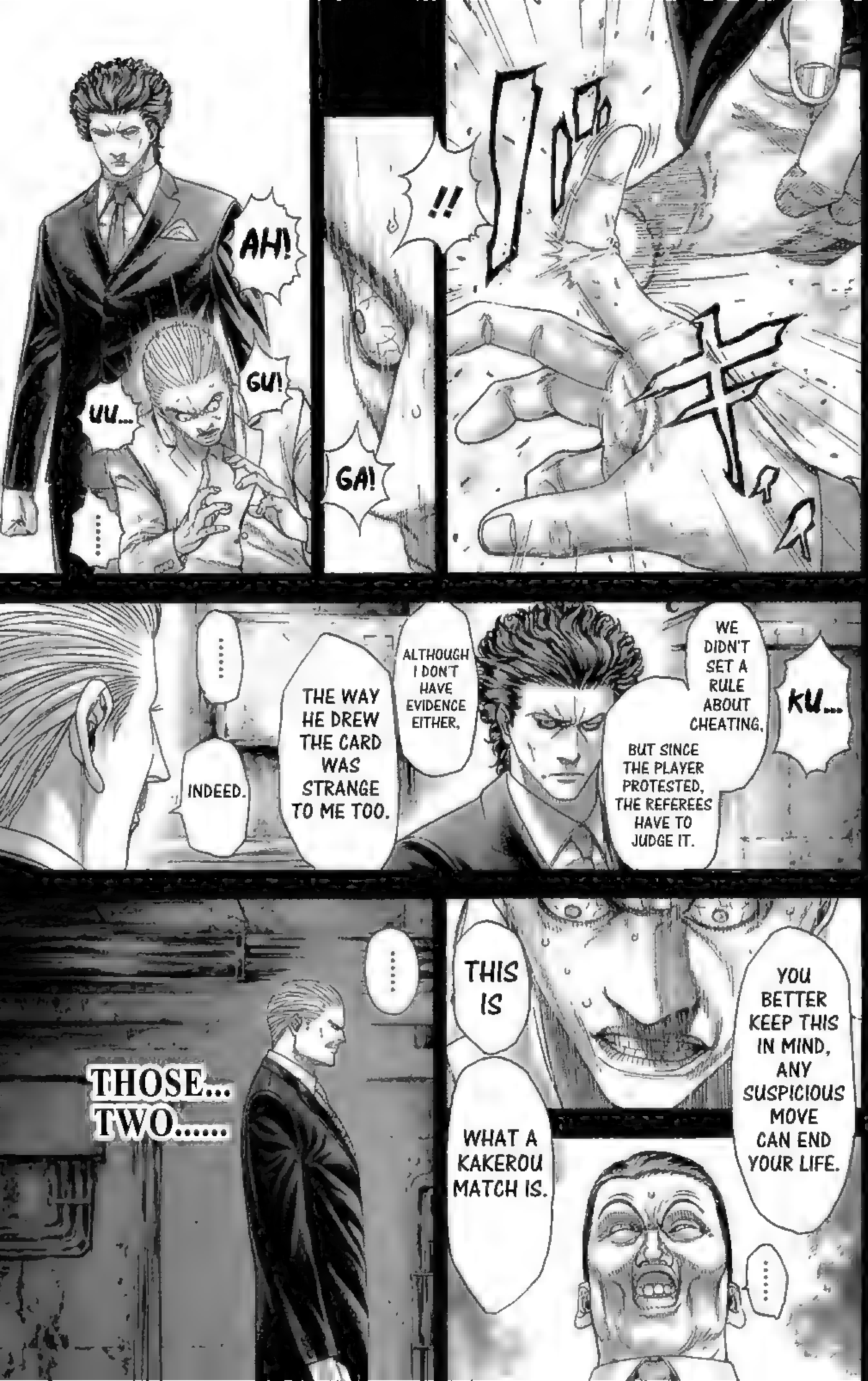
THOSE TWO
ARE JUST STANDING
SILENTLY ……


LEADER...
I
HAVE LOST THE QUALIFICATIONS TO BECOME THE REFEREE THAT I SET OUT TO BE.
BESIDES,
I'M TOO FAR FROM
BEING PERFECT.


HEY!
HOLD ON! YOU CUNNING FOX!
?
WHAT?
YOU DREW THE SECOND CARD...
YOU DREW THE SECOND CARD, DIDN'T YOU!? YOU CAN'T FOOL ME!
THAT'S *SECOND DEALING!
ALL MY EFFORT ON SETTING UP THIS REDEMPTIVE CEREMONY IS IN VAIN!
WHAT A MEAN PERSON!
HOW... HOW... HOW DARE YOU CHEAT!
DON'T GET PISSED OFF JUST BECAUSE I AVOIDED CHOOSING THE ORGANIC PEROXIDE BY READING YOUR EXPRESSION.
BESIDES, THIS IS A GAME OF COMPARING THE NUMBERS, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH CARD I DRAW. YOU CAN'T SAY I'M CHEATING.
TSK...
IT'S MY LOSS.
BUT DON'T MAKE ANY WEIRD MOVES AGAIN... IT'S SUSPICIOUS.
......
HA.
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY,
YOU HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO PROVE THAT I DREW THE SECOND CARD.

*A CHEATING SKILL WHERE ONE PRETENDS HE'S DRAWING THE CARD ON THE TOP, BUT HE'S ACTUALLY DRAWING THE SECOND ONE.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KU...
WE DIDN'T SET A RULE ABOUT CHEATING,
BUT SINCE THE PLAYER PROTESTED, THE REFEREES HAVE TO JUDGE IT.
ALTHOUGH I DON'T HAVE EVIDENCE EITHER,
THE WAY HE DREW THE CARD WAS STRANGE TO ME TOO.
......
INDEED.
YOU BETTER KEEP THIS IN MIND, ANY SUSPICIOUS MOVE CAN END YOUR LIFE.
THIS IS
WHAT A KAKEROU MATCH IS.
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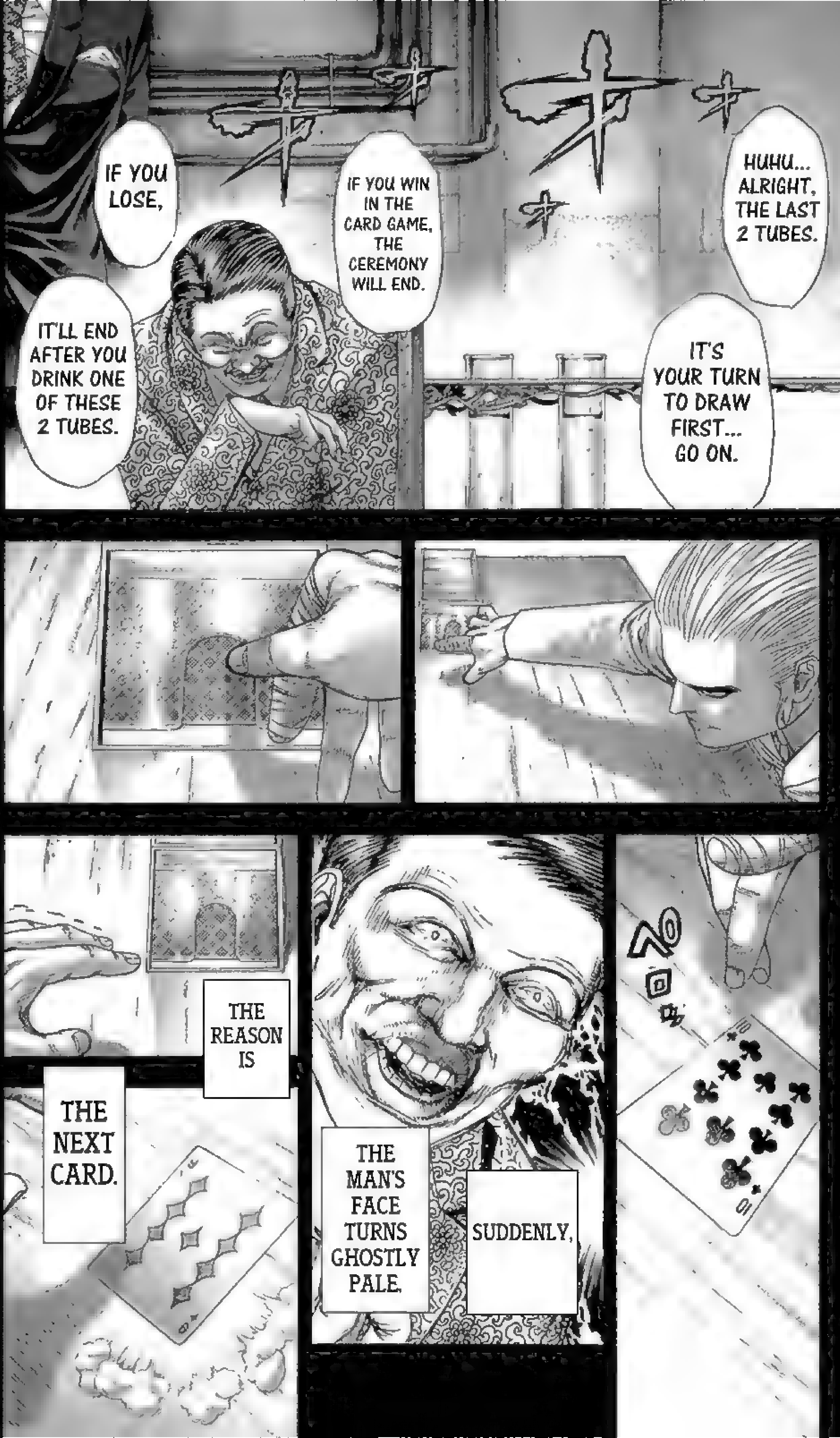
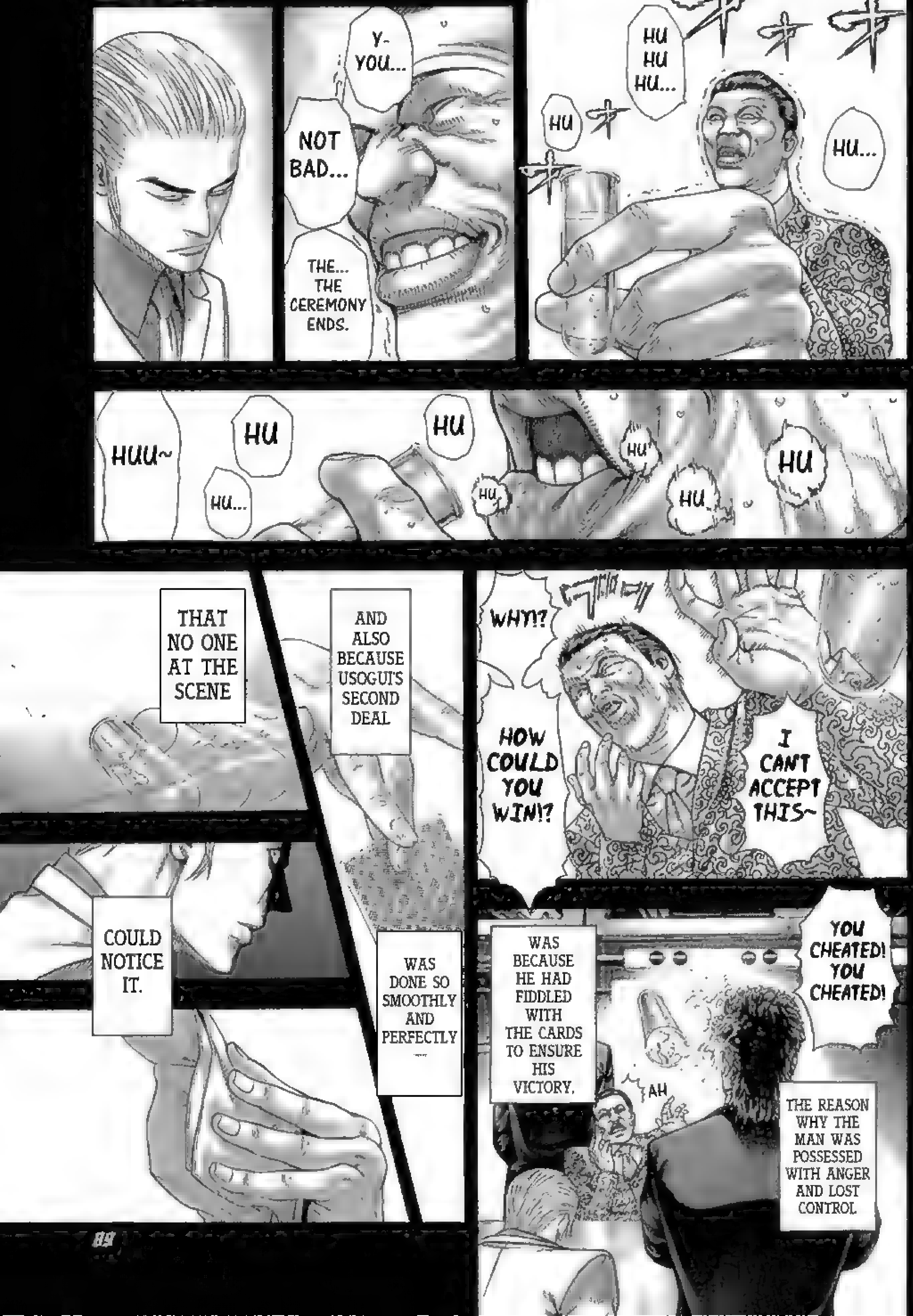
......
THOSE... TWO......


HUHU... ALRIGHT, THE LAST 2 TUBES.
IT'S YOUR TURN TO DRAW FIRST... GO ON.
IF YOU WIN IN THE CARD GAME, THE CEREMONY WILL END.
IF YOU LOSE,
IT'LL END AFTER YOU DRINK ONE OF THESE 2 TUBES.
SUDDENLY,
THE MAN'S FACE TURNS GHOSTLY PALE.
THE REASON IS
THE NEXT CARD.


HU HU HU...
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Y-YOU...
NOT BAD...
THE... THE CEREMONY ENDS.
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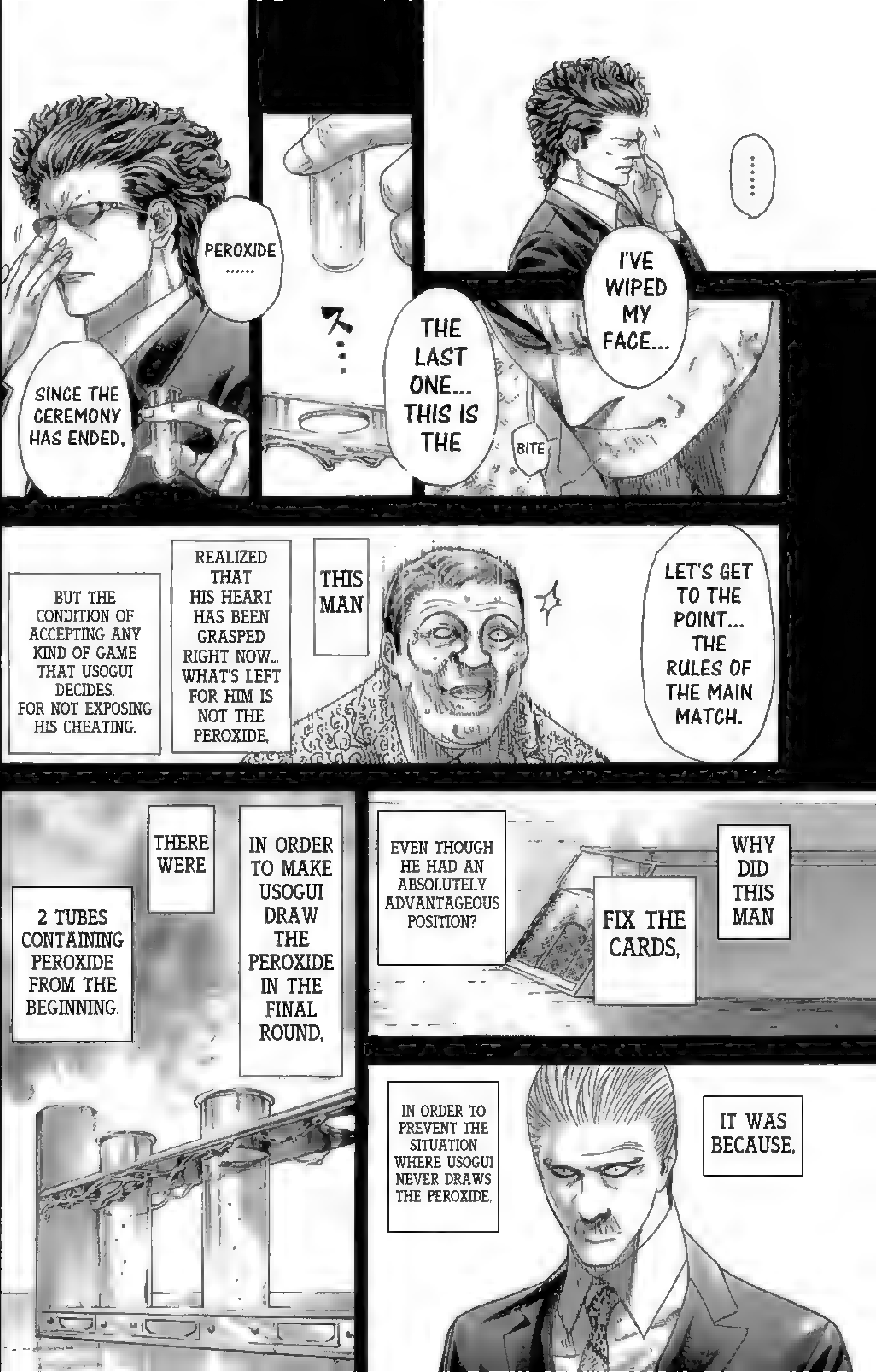
HUU~
WHY!?
I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS~
HOW COULD YOU WIN!?
YOU CHEATED! YOU CHEATED!
AH
THE REASON WHY THE MAN WAS POSSESSED WITH ANGER AND LOST CONTROL
WAS BECAUSE HE HAD FIDDLED WITH THE CARDS TO ENSURE HIS VICTORY.
AND ALSO BECAUSE USOGUI'S SECOND DEAL
WAS DONE SO SMOOTHLY AND PERFECTLY
THAT NO ONE AT THE SCENE
COULD NOTICE IT.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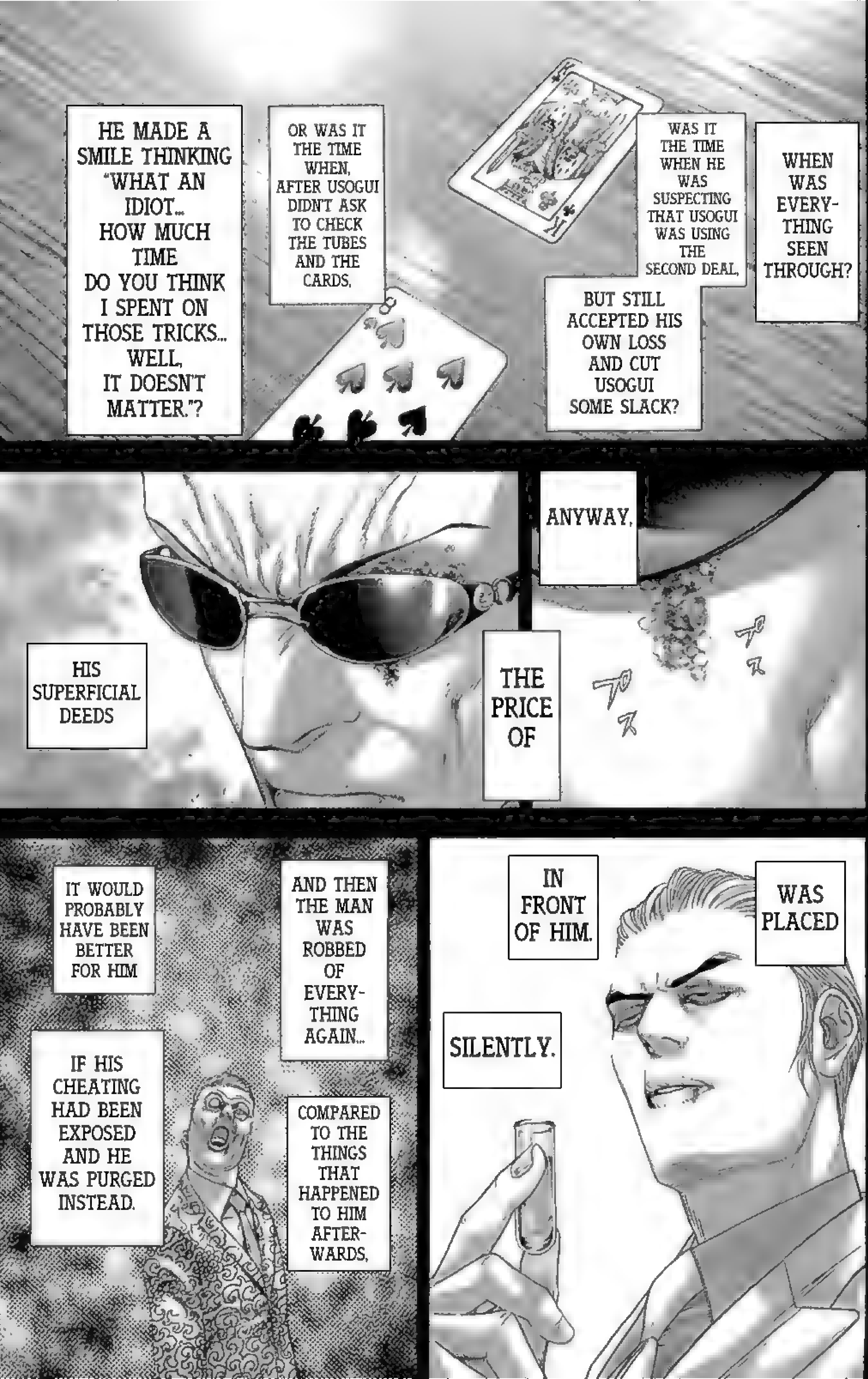
I'VE WIPED MY FACE...
THE LAST ONE... THIS IS THE
BITE
ス...
PEROXIDE......
SINCE THE CEREMONY HAS ENDED,
LET'S GET TO THE POINT... THE RULES OF THE MAIN MATCH.
THIS MAN
REALIZED THAT HIS HEART HAS BEEN GRASPED RIGHT NOW.. WHAT'S LEFT FOR HIM IS NOT THE PEROXIDE,
BUT THE CONDITION OF ACCEPTING ANY KIND OF GAME THAT USOGUI DECIDES. FOR NOT EXPOSING HIS CHEATING.
WHY DID THIS MAN
FIX THE CARDS,
EVEN THOUGH HE HAD AN ABSOLUTELY ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION?
IT WAS BECAUSE,
IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE SITUATION WHERE USOGUI NEVER DRAWS THE PEROXIDE.
IN ORDER TO MAKE USOGUI DRAW THE PEROXIDE IN THE FINAL ROUND,
THERE WERE
2 TUBES CONTAINING PEROXIDE FROM THE BEGINNING.


WHEN WAS EVERYTHING SEEN THROUGH?
WAS IT THE TIME WHEN HE WAS SUSPECTING THAT USOGUI WAS USING THE SECOND DEAL,
BUT STILL ACCEPTED HIS OWN LOSS AND CUT USOGUI SOME SLACK?
OR WAS IT THE TIME WHEN, AFTER USOGUI DIDN'T ASK TO CHECK THE TUBES AND THE CARDS,
HE MADE A SMILE THINKING "WHAT AN IDIOT... HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU THINK I SPENT ON THOSE TRICKS... WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER."?
ANYWAY,
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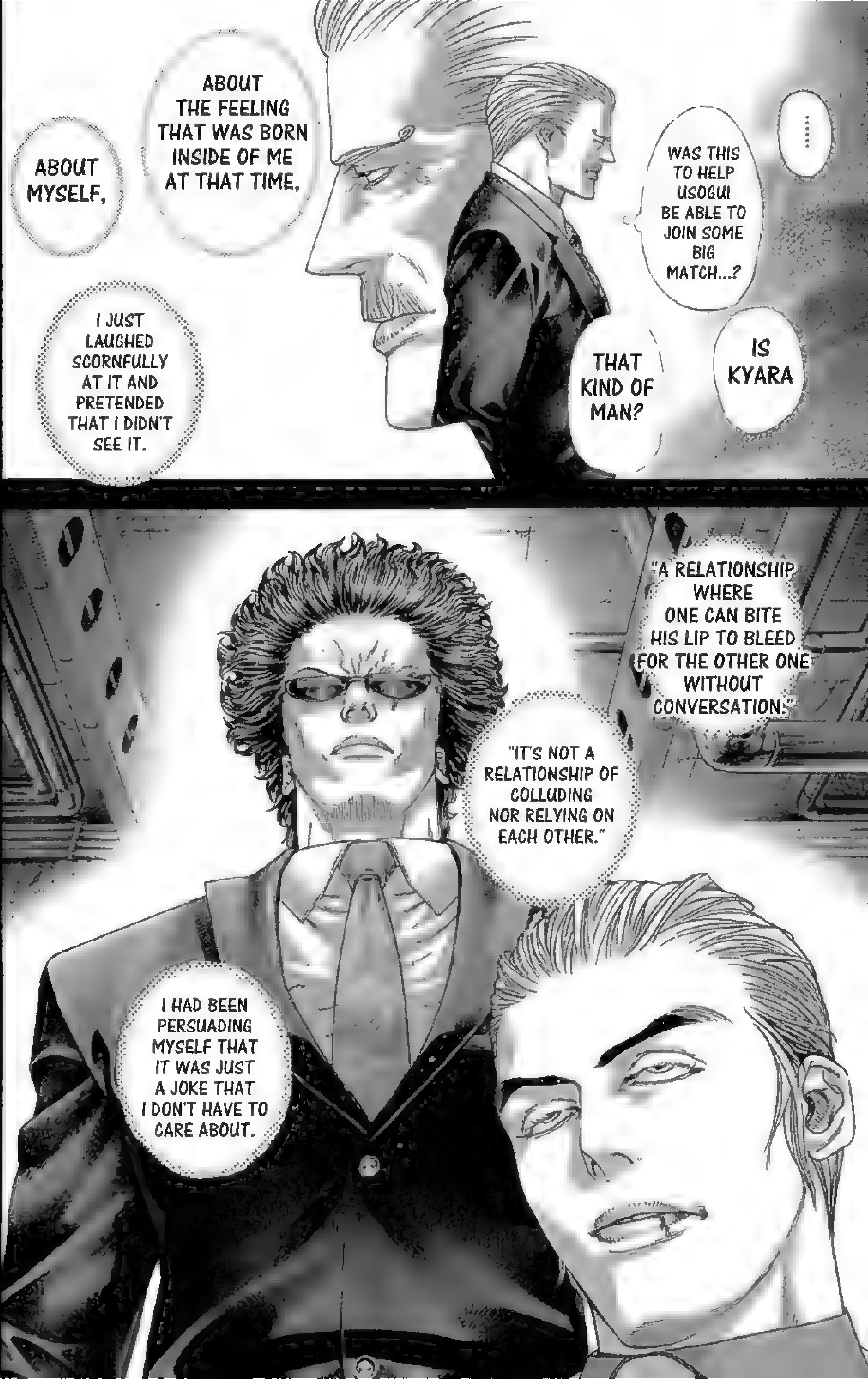
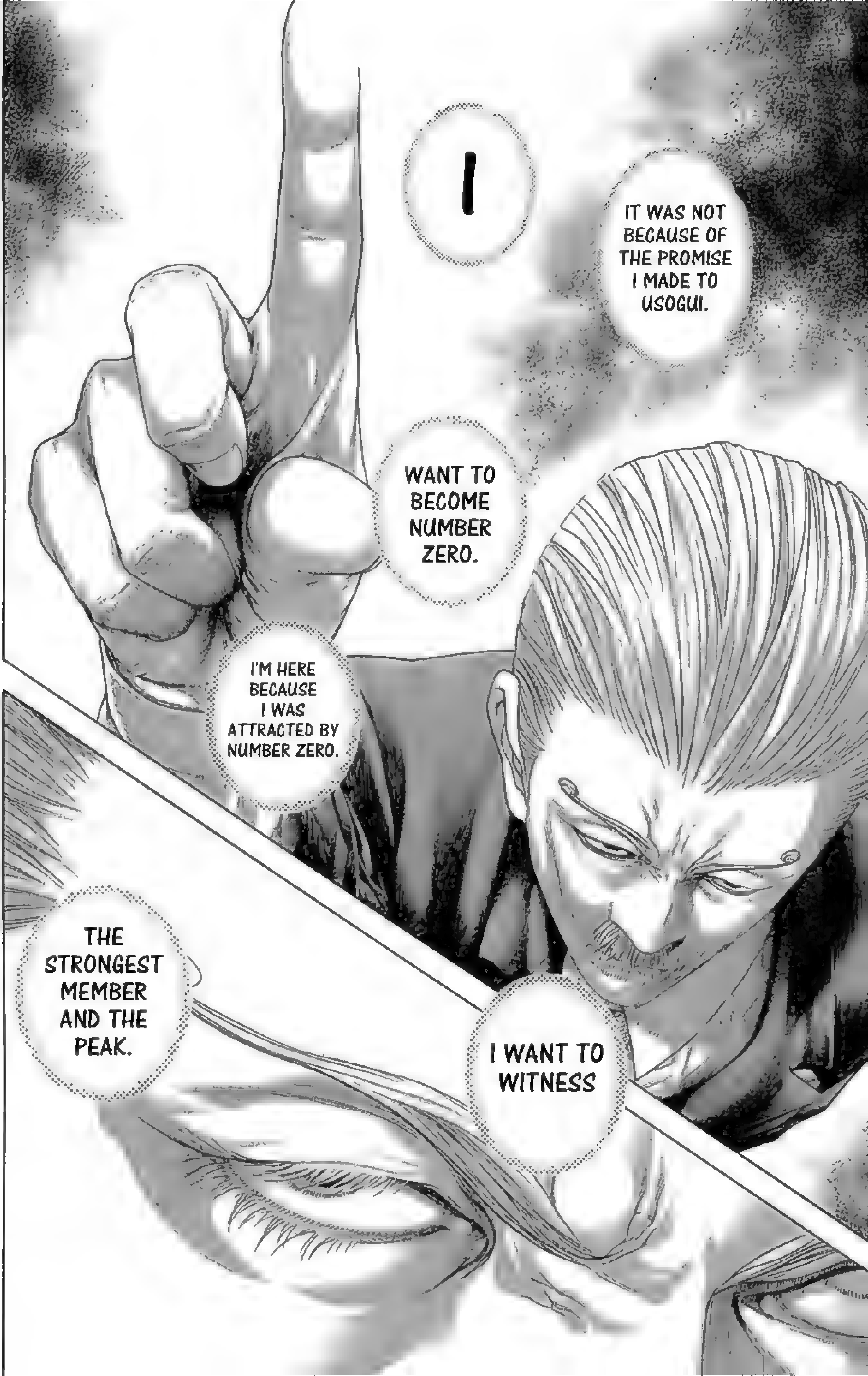
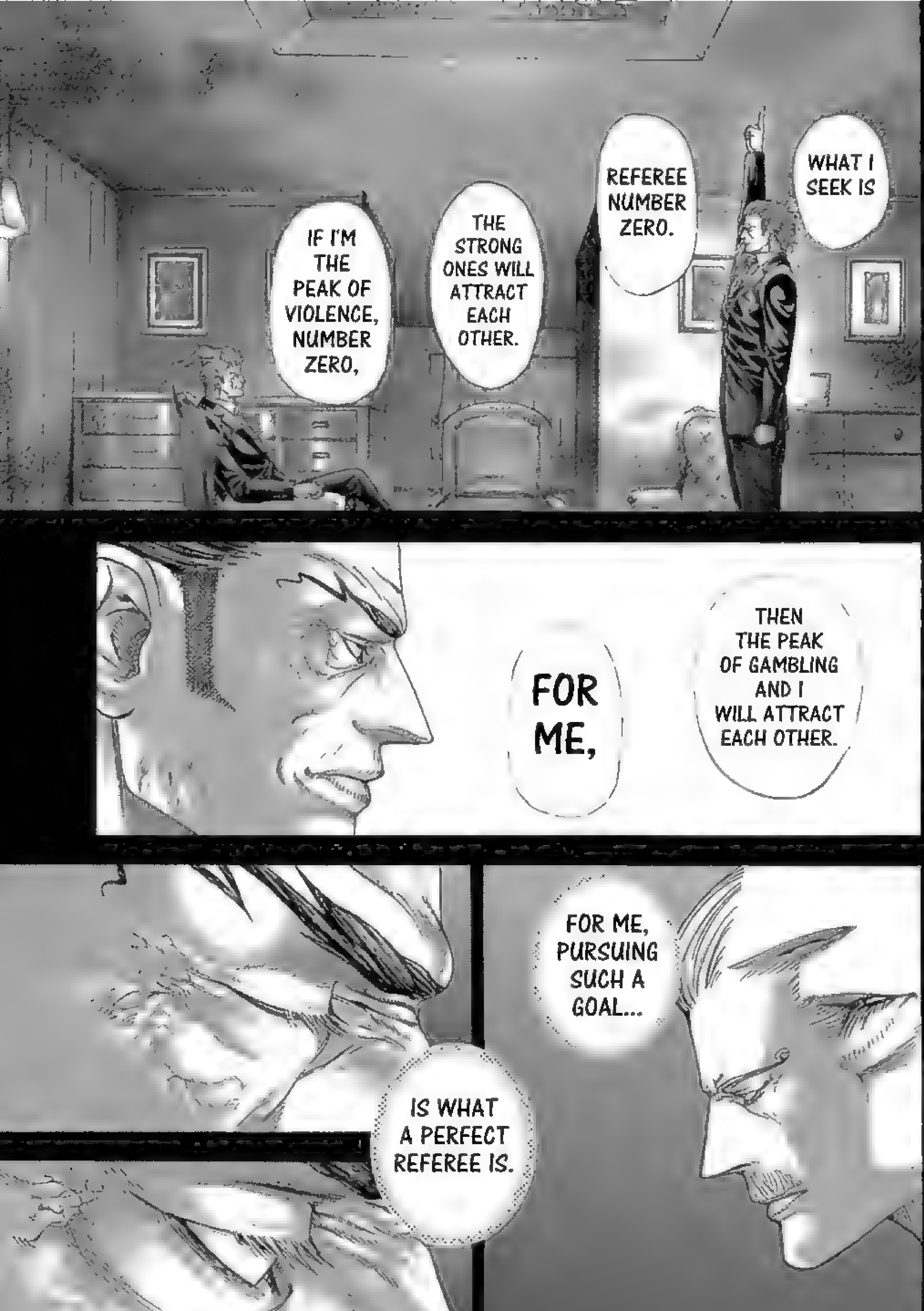
THE PRICE OF
HIS SUPERFICIAL DEEDS
WAS PLACED
IN FRONT OF HIM.
SILENTLY.
AND THEN THE MAN WAS ROBBED OF EVERYTHING AGAIN...
IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR HIM
IF HIS CHEATING HAD BEEN EXPOSED AND HE WAS PURGED INSTEAD.
COMPARED TO THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED TO HIM AFTERWARDS,

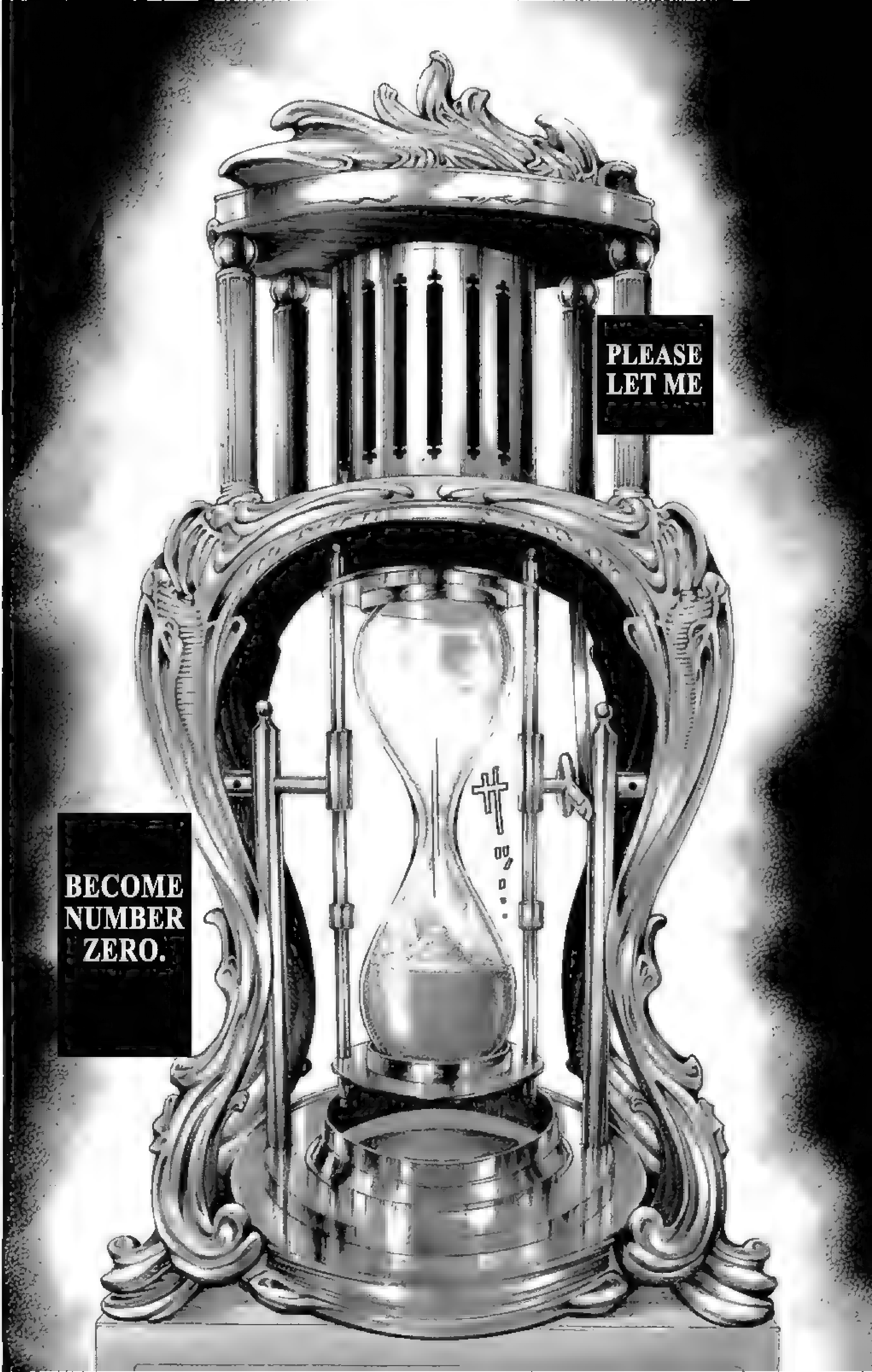

……
WAS THIS TO HELP USOGUI BE ABLE TO JOIN SOME BIG MATCH...?
IS KYARA
THAT KIND OF MAN?
ABOUT THE FEELING THAT WAS BORN INSIDE OF ME AT THAT TIME,
ABOUT MYSELF,
I JUST LAUGHED SCORNFULLY AT IT AND PRETENDED THAT I DIDN'T SEE IT.
"A RELATIONSHIP WHERE ONE CAN BITE HIS LIP TO BLEED FOR THE OTHER ONE WITHOUT CONVERSATION."
"IT'S NOT A RELATIONSHIP OF COLLUDING NOR RELYING ON EACH OTHER."
I HAD BEEN PERSUADING MYSELF THAT IT WAS JUST A JOKE THAT I DON'T HAVE TO CARE ABOUT.

UNTIL
RIGHT NOW.


I
IT WAS NOT BECAUSE OF THE PROMISE I MADE TO USOGUI.
WANT TO BECOME NUMBER ZERO.
I'M HERE BECAUSE I WAS ATTRACTED BY NUMBER ZERO.
I WANT TO WITNESS
THE STRONGEST MEMBER AND THE PEAK.


WHAT I SEEK IS
REFEREE NUMBER ZERO.
THE STRONG ONES WILL ATTRACT EACH OTHER.
IF I'M THE PEAK OF VIOLENCE, NUMBER ZERO,
THEN THE PEAK OF GAMBLING AND I WILL ATTRACT EACH OTHER.
FOR ME,
FOR ME, PURSUING SUCH A GOAL...
IS WHAT A PERFECT REFEREE IS.

パラ…
ササァー
LEADER,
PLEASE ……


PLEASE LET ME
BECOME NUMBER ZERO.

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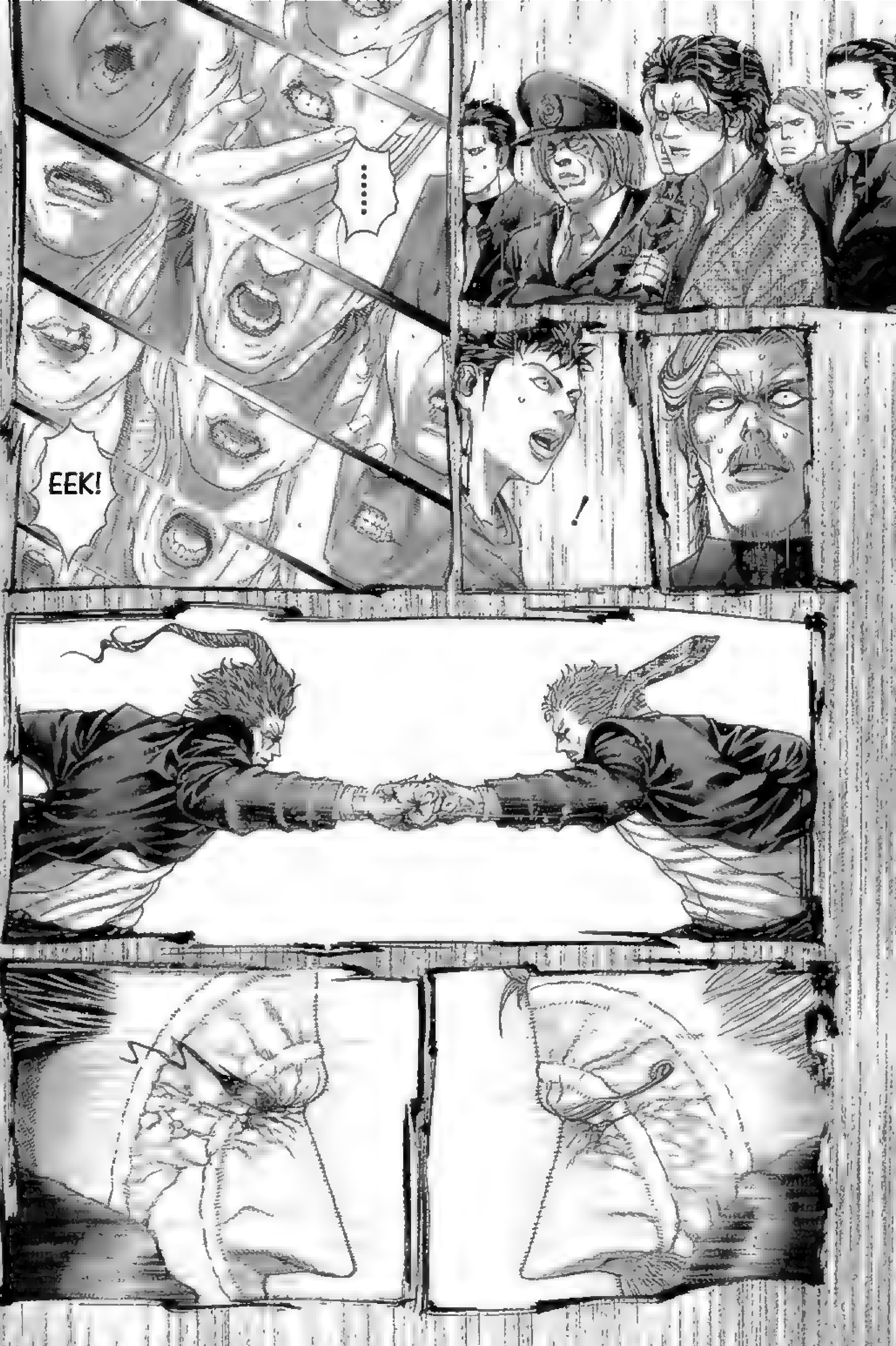
THE END AND THE START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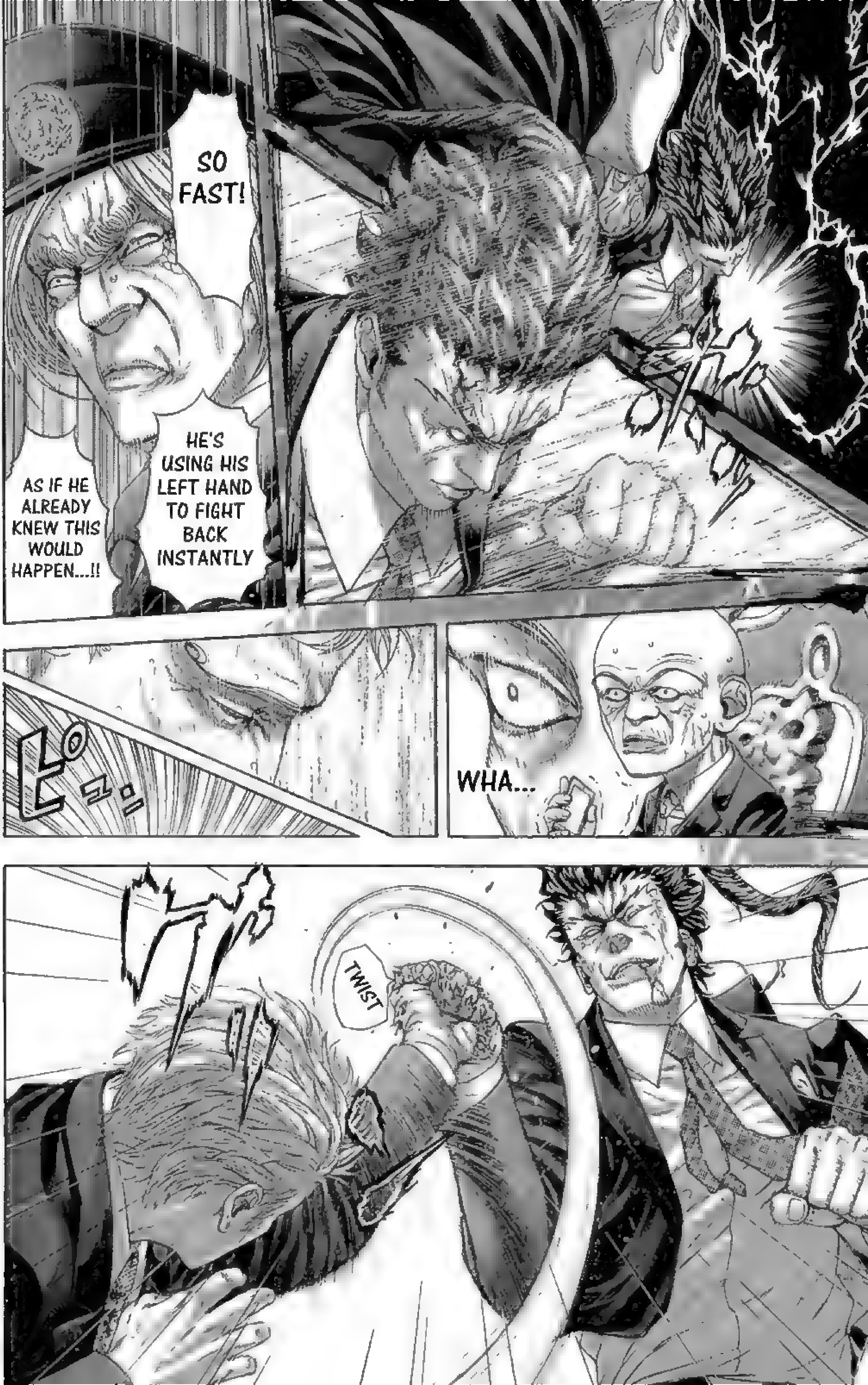
EEK!


SO FAST!
HE'S USING HIS LEFT HAND TO FIGHT BACK INSTANTLY
AS IF HE ALREADY KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN...!!
WHA...
ピュッ
TWIST

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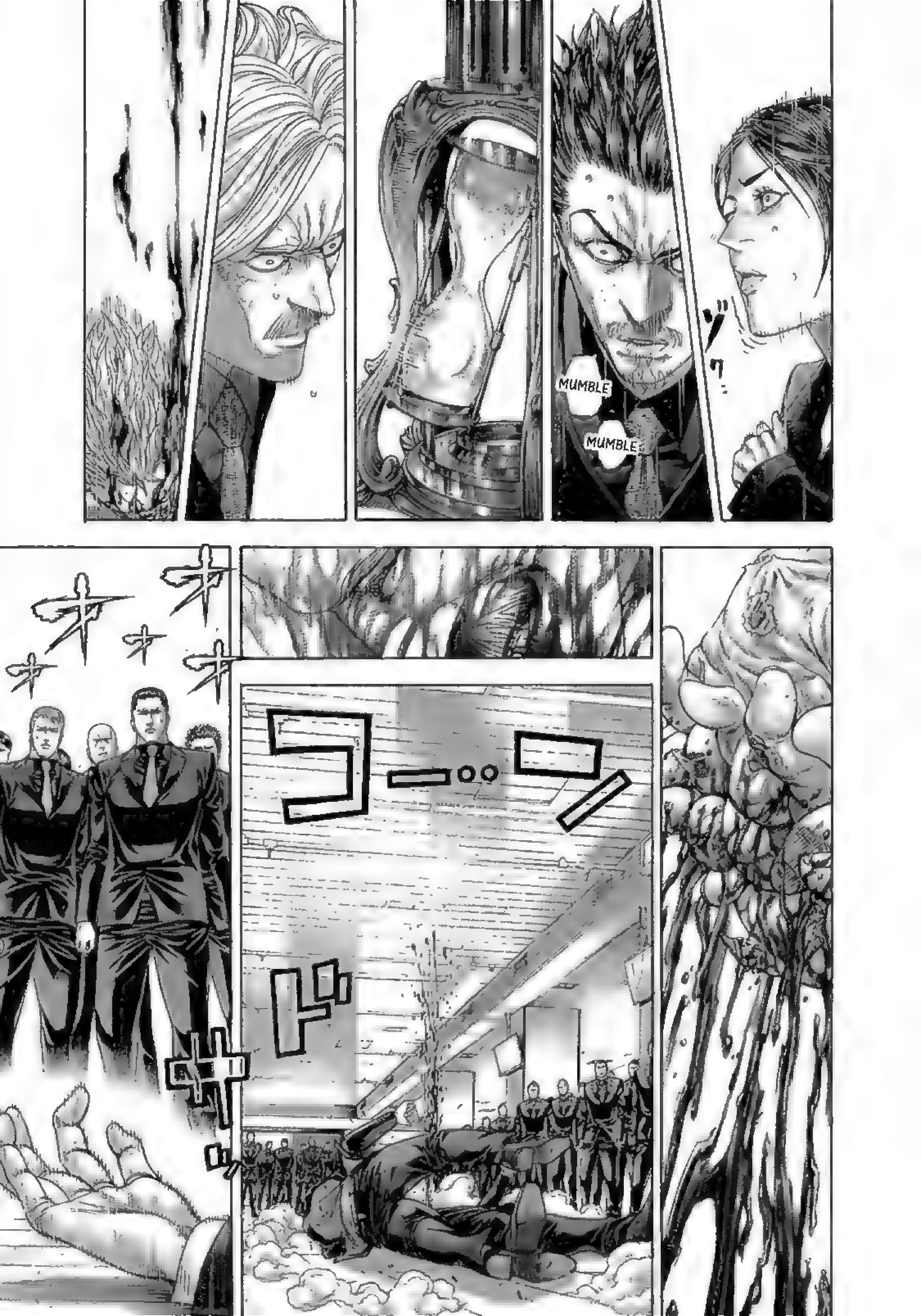
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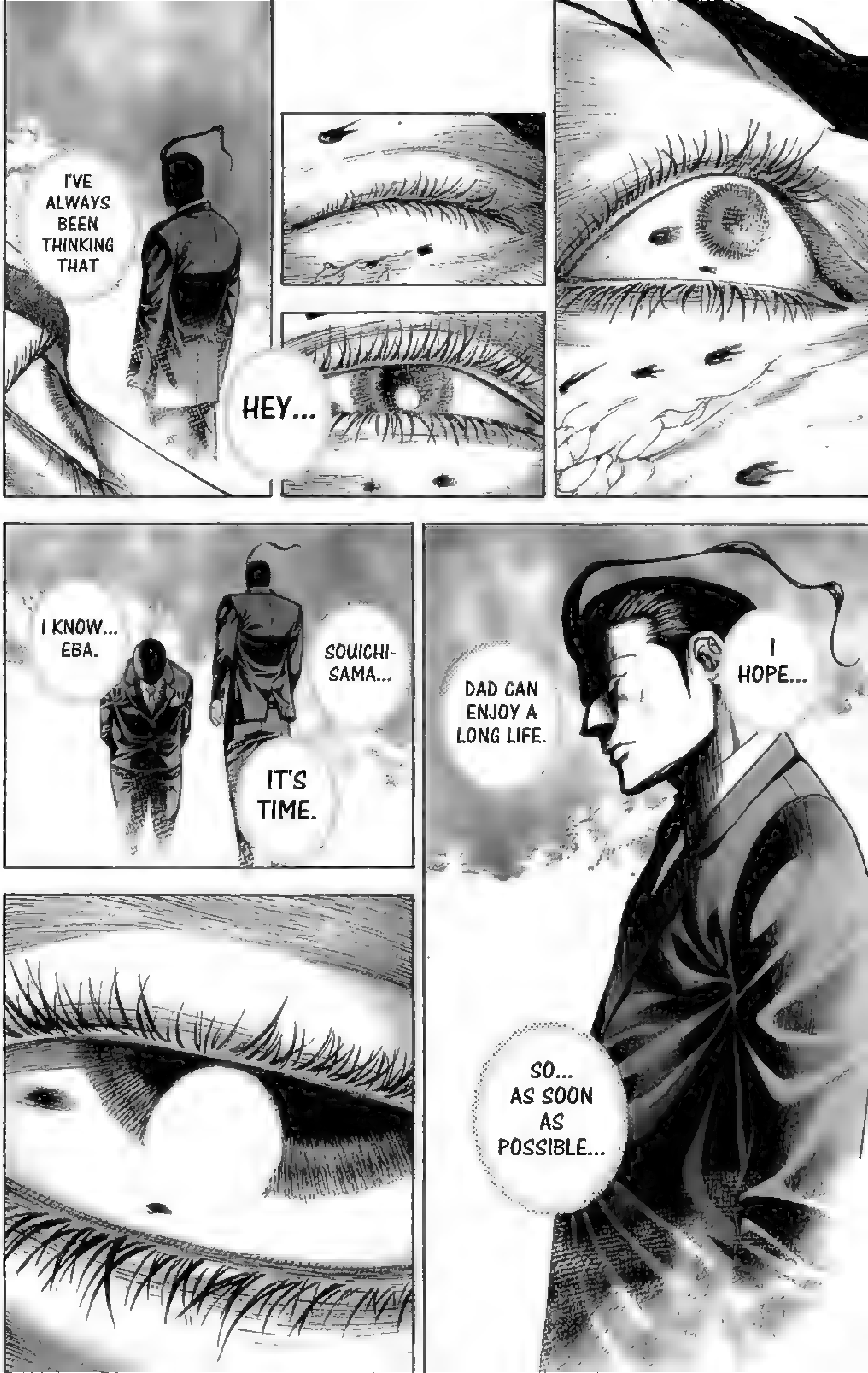
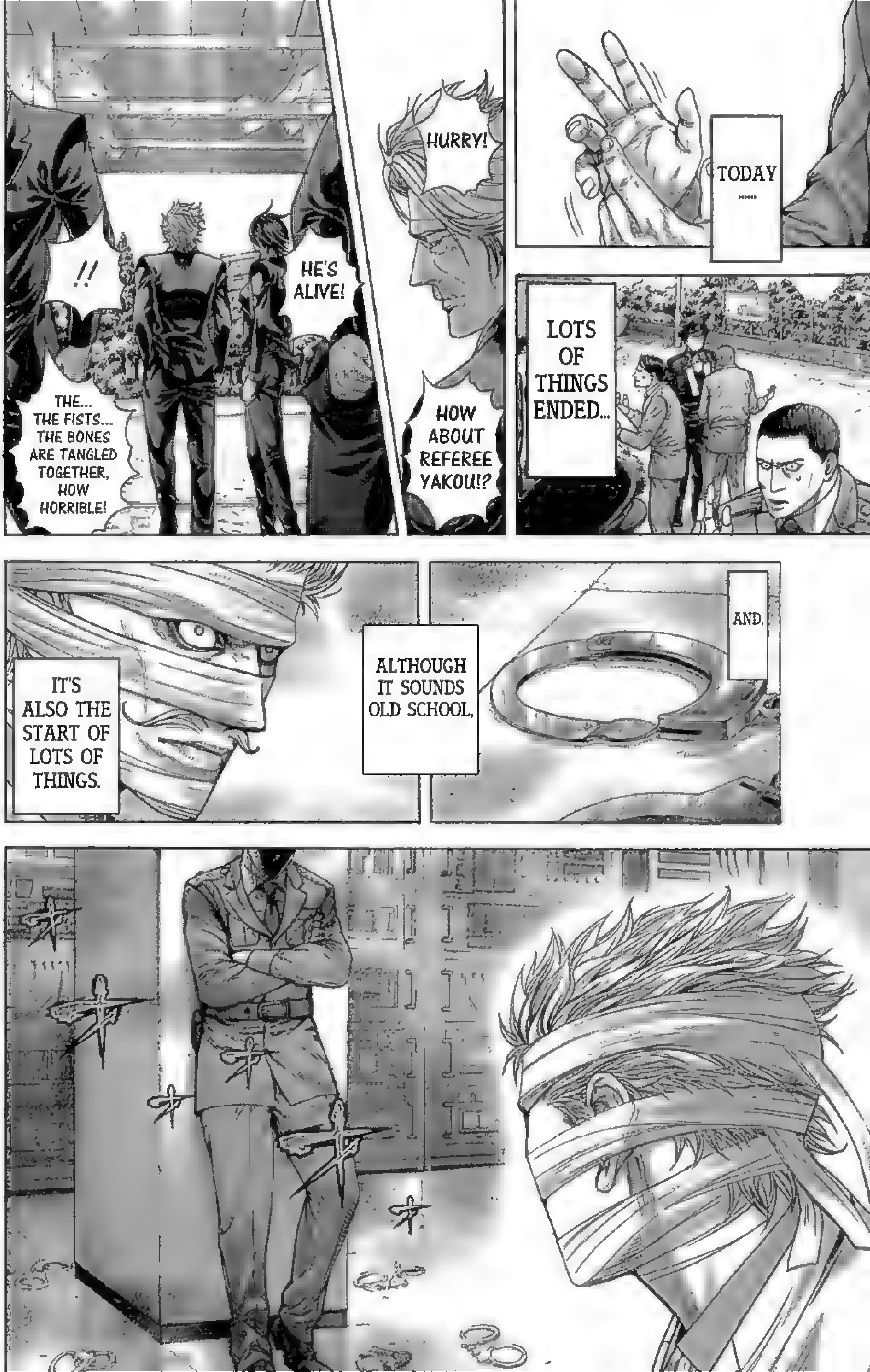
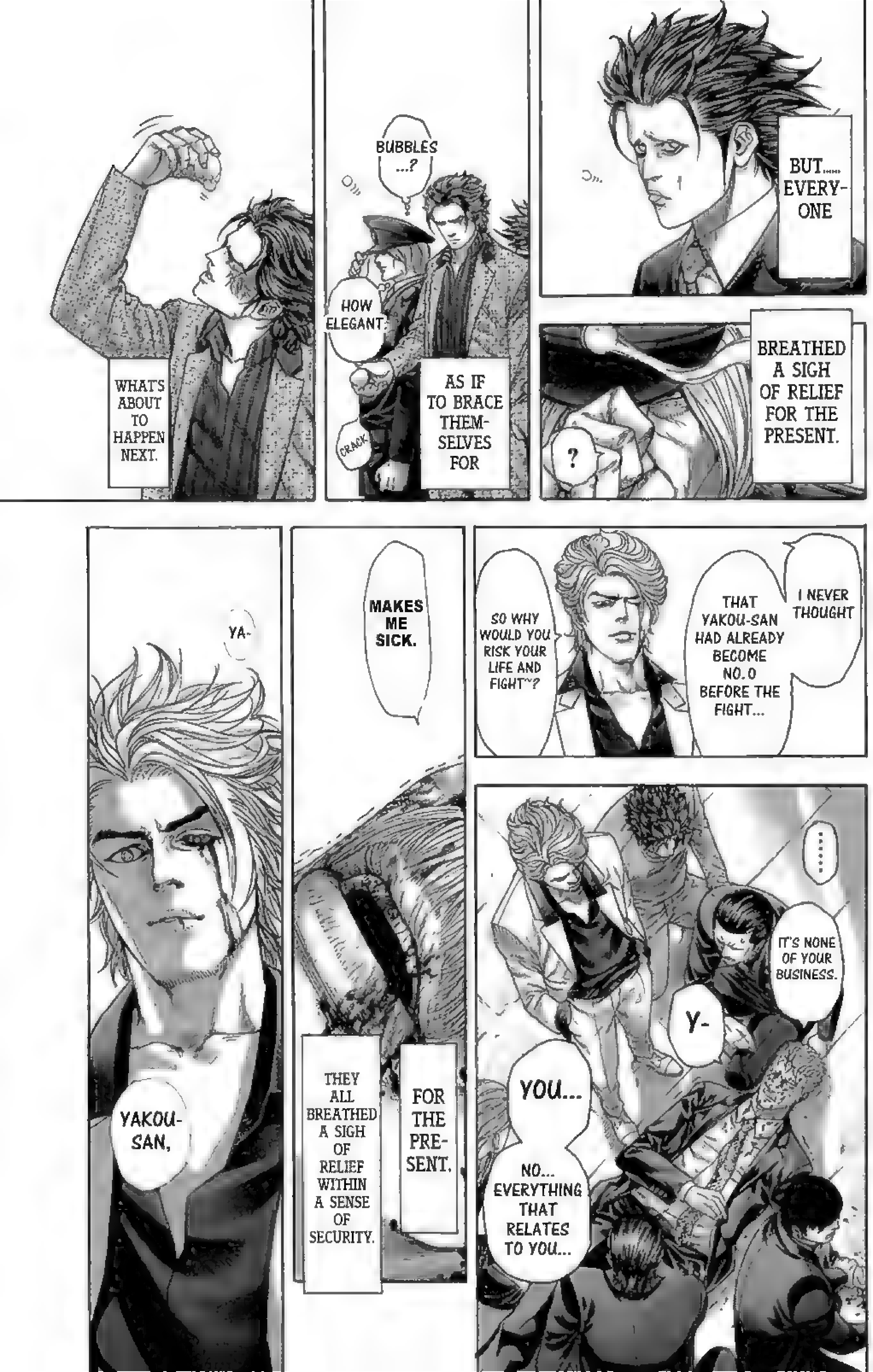
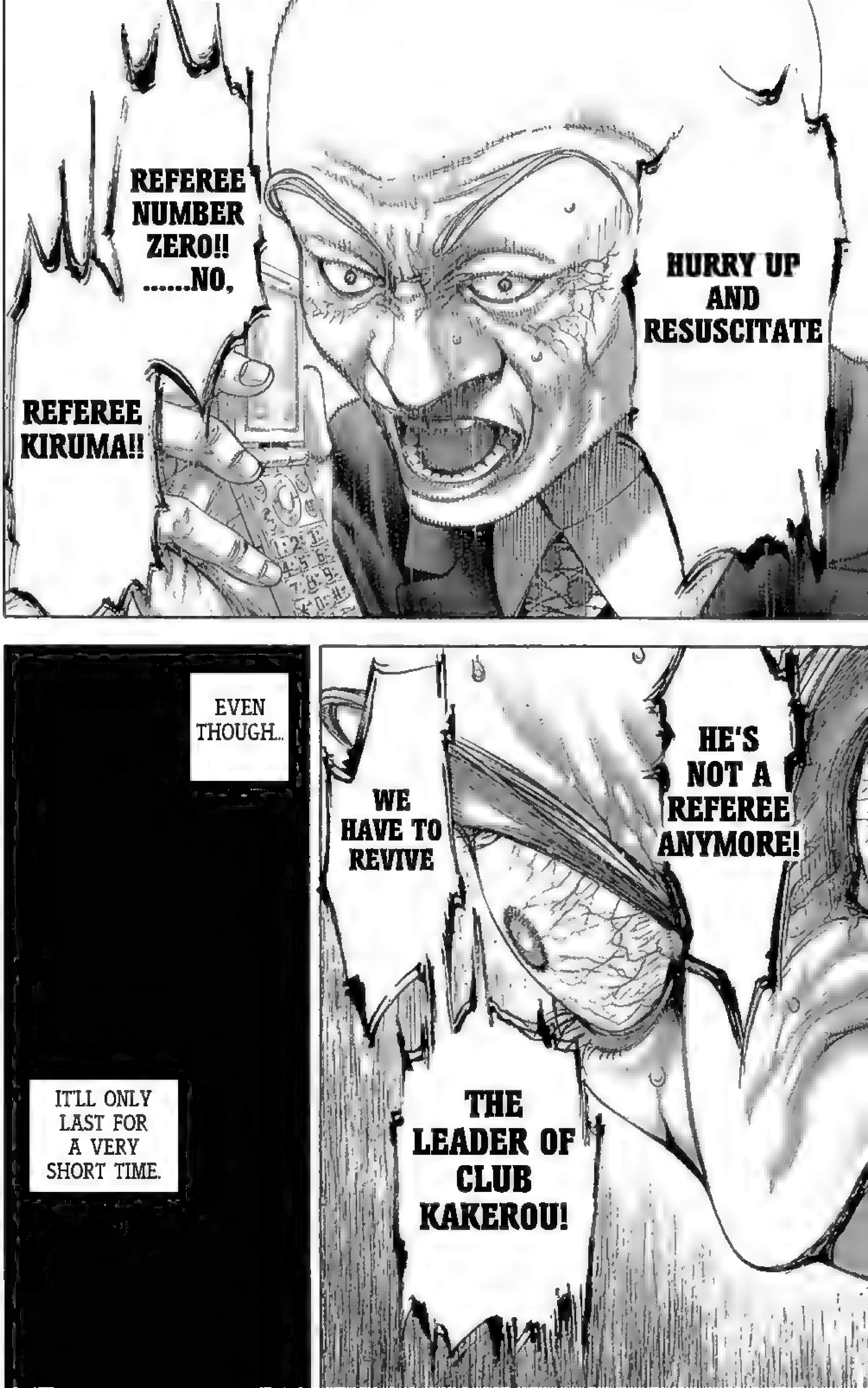

HEY...
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THINKING THAT
I HOPE...
DAD CAN ENJOY A LONG LIFE.
SO... AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...
SOUICHI-SAMA...
IT'S TIME.
I KNOW... EBA.

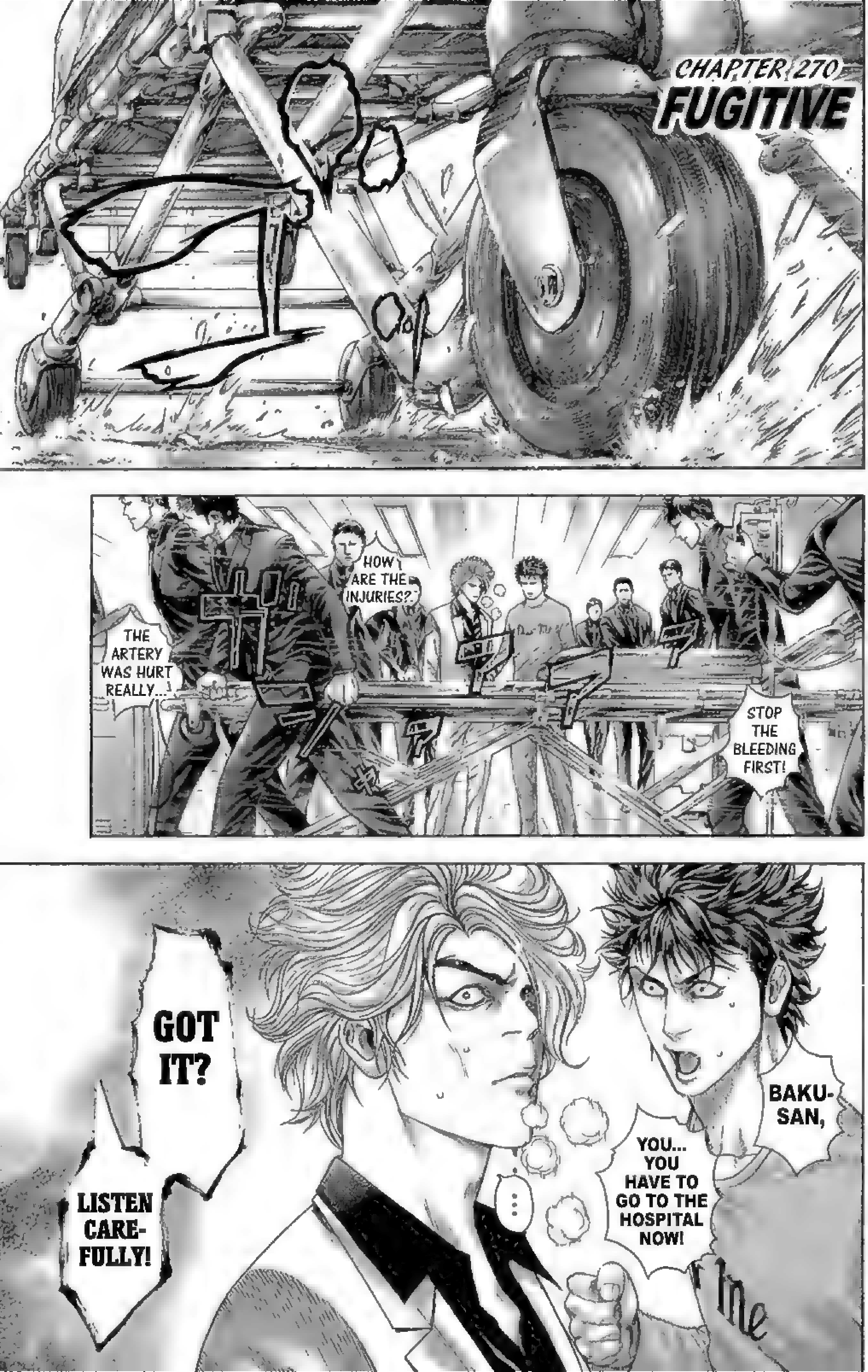
GUHAA...


TODAY ...
LOTS OF THINGS ENDED...
HURRY!
HOW ABOUT REFEREE YAKOU!?
HE'S ALIVE!
!!
THE... THE FISTS... THE BONES ARE TANGLED TOGETHER, HOW HORRIBLE!
AND,
ALTHOUGH IT SOUNDS OLD SCHOOL,
IT'S ALSO THE START OF LOTS OF THINGS.


BUT..... EVERY-ONE
?
BREATHED A SIGH OF RELIEF FOR THE PRESENT.
BUBBLES ...?
HOW ELEGANT.
CRACK
AS IF TO BRACE THEMSELVES FOR
WHAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN NEXT.
I NEVER THOUGHT
THAT YAKOU-SAN HAD ALREADY BECOME NO.0 BEFORE THE FIGHT...
SO WHY WOULD YOU RISK YOUR LIFE AND FIGHT~?
......
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
Y-
YOU...
NO... EVERYTHING THAT RELATES TO YOU...
MAKES ME SICK.
FOR THE PRESENT.
THEY ALL BREATHED A SIGH OF RELIEF WITHIN A SENSE OF SECURITY.
YA-
YAKOU-SAN,

KAKEROU MATCH "THE TOWER OF KARMA"
WINNER MADARAME BAKU
PRICE
KARAMETE + 50 BILLION YEN
SUTEGUMA SATORU LOSER
REFEREES
REFEREE NO. 2
YAKOU HIKOICHI
GAINED NO. 0
REFEREE NO. 0
KIRUMA TATSUKI
YOU ARE
A BIG LIAR.
IT'S ME!
LISTEN! THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!
AN ABSOLUTE EMERGENCY ORDER!


HURRY UP AND RESUSCITATE
REFEREE NUMBER ZERO!! ....NO,
REFEREE KIRUMA!!
HE'S NOT A REFEREE ANYMORE!
WE HAVE TO REVIVE
THE LEADER OF CLUB KAKEROU!
EVEN THOUGH..
IT'LL ONLY LAST FOR A VERY SHORT TIME.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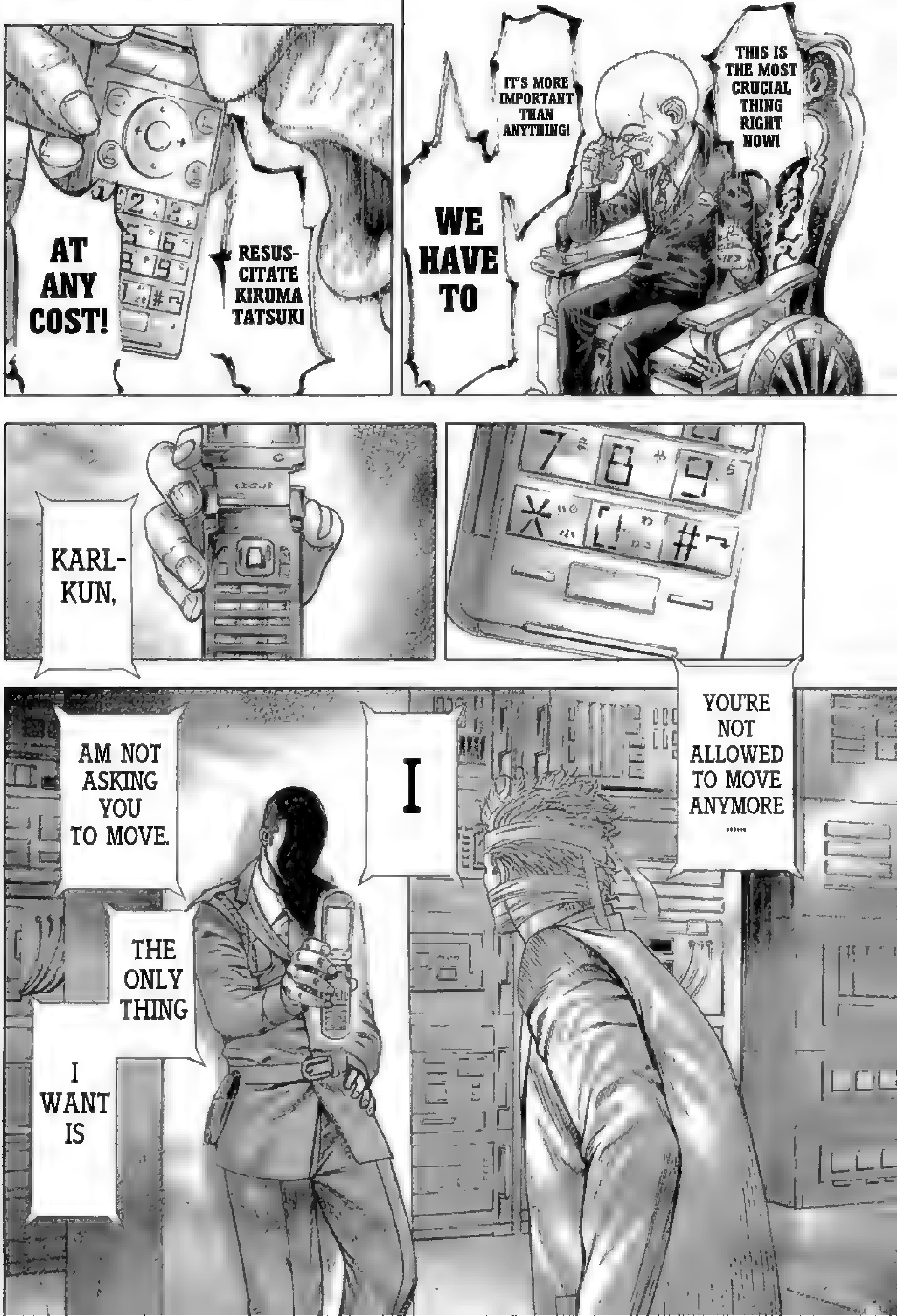
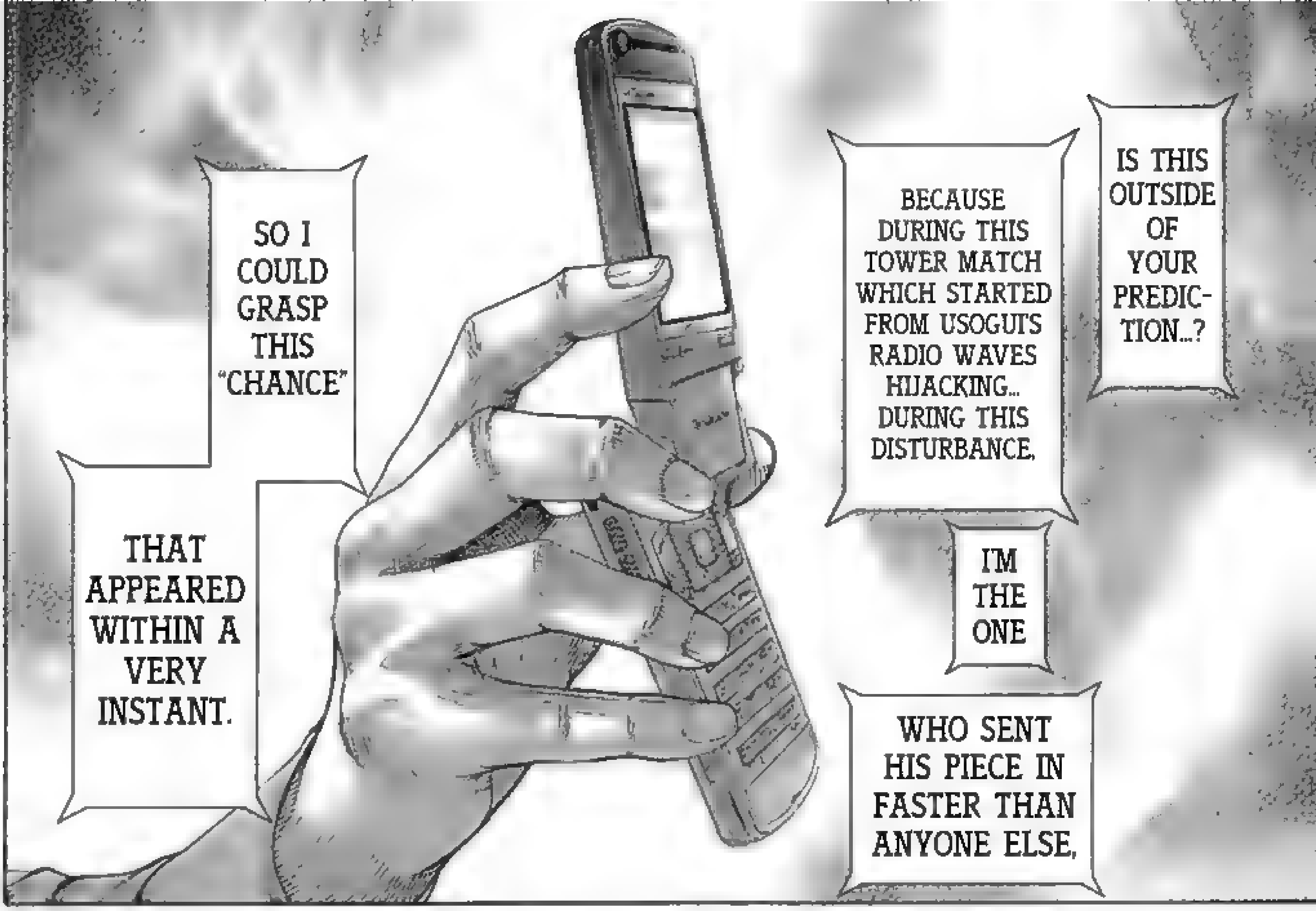
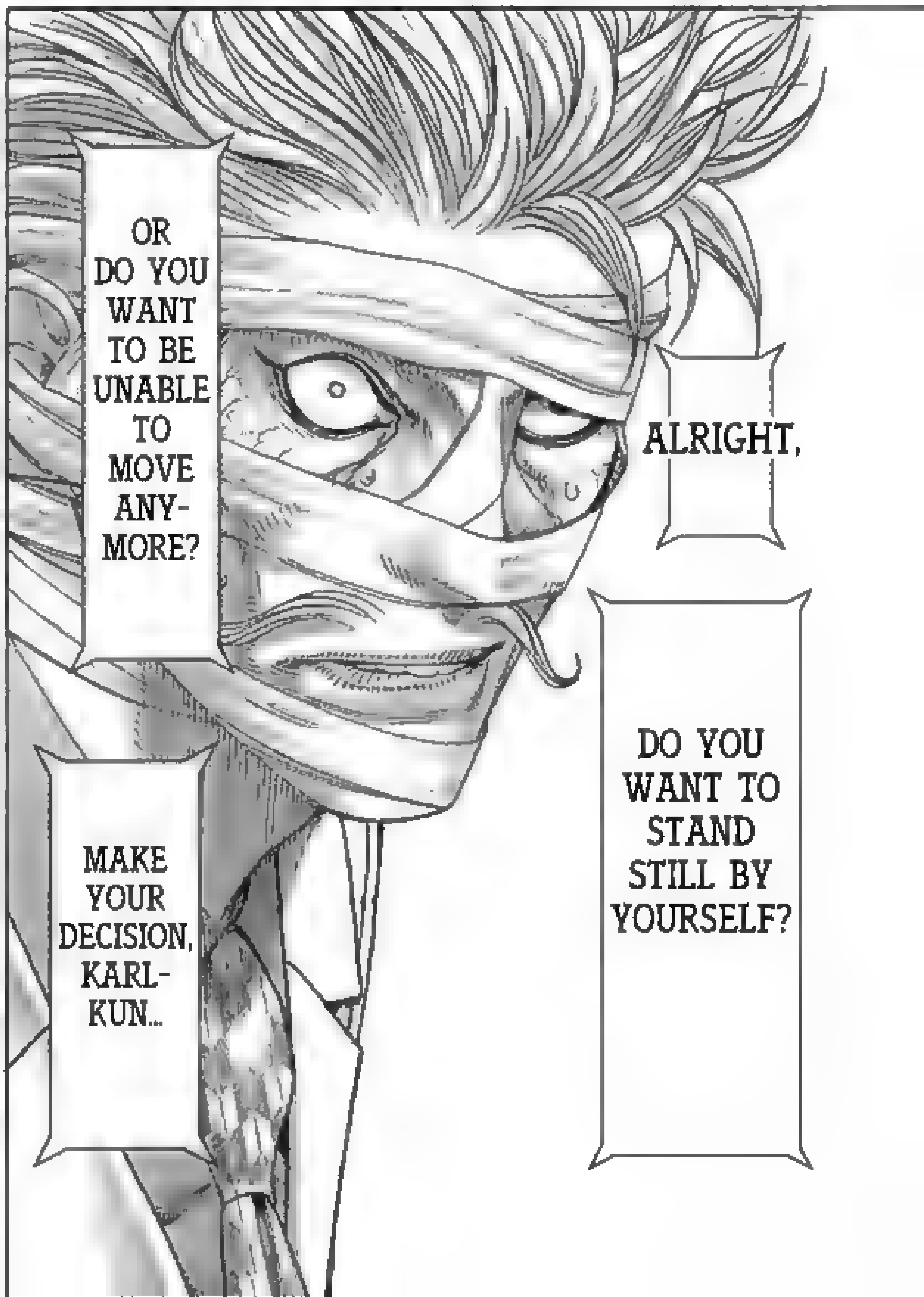
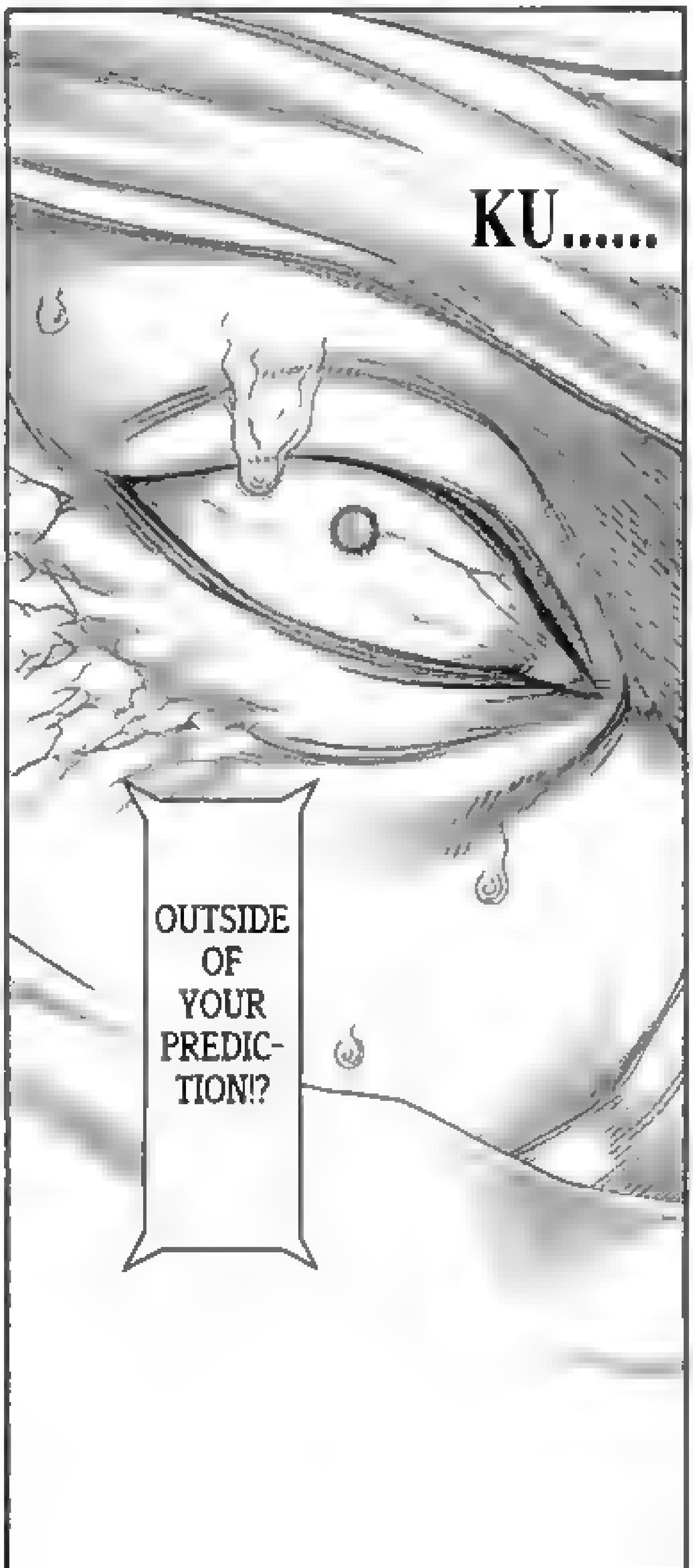
STOP THE BLEEDING FIRST!
HOW ARE THE INJURIES?
THE ARTERY WAS HURT REALLY...
BAKU-SAN,
YOU... YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL NOW!
...
GOT IT?
LISTEN CAREFULLY!

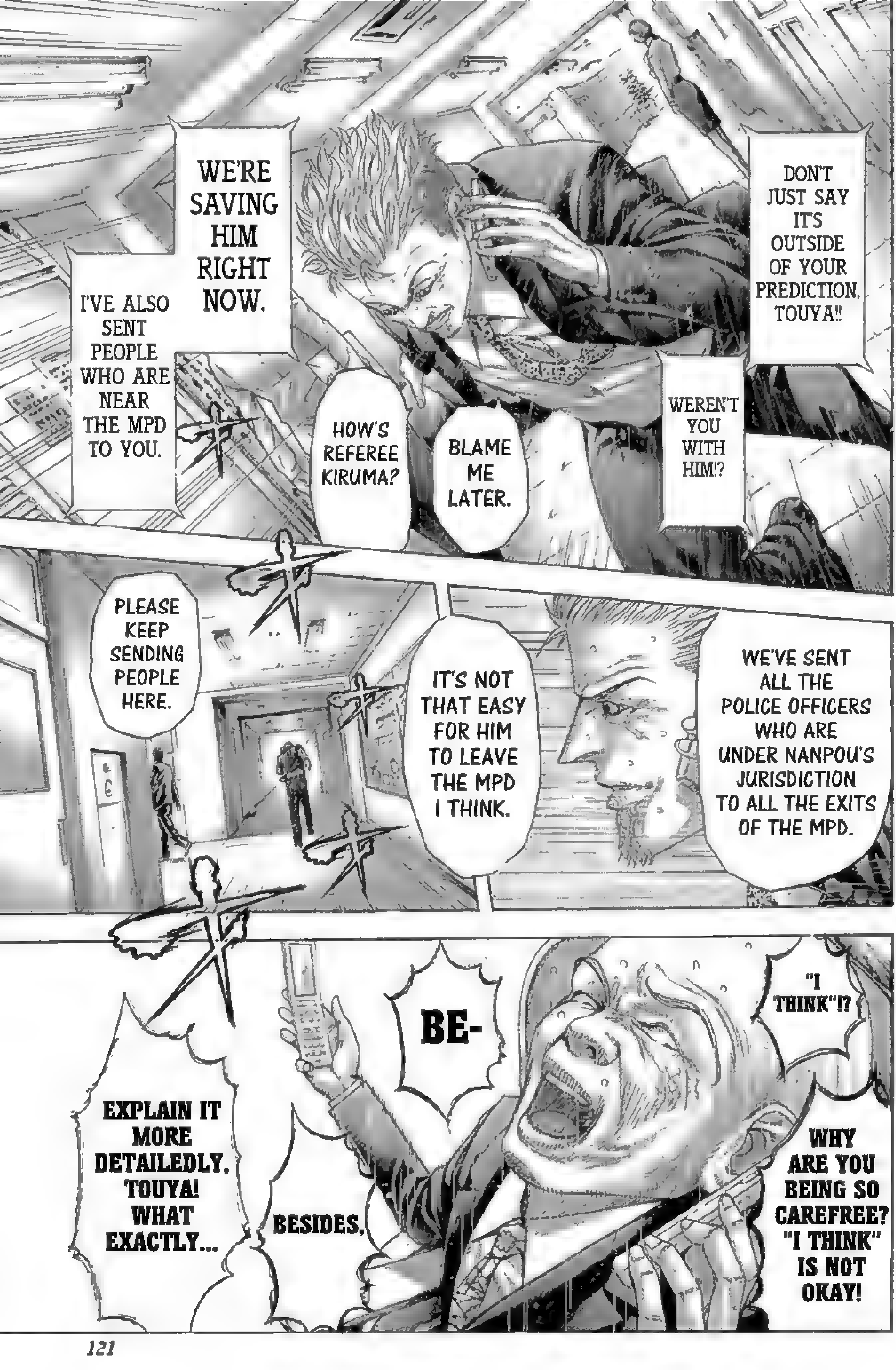

THIS IS THE MOST CRUCIAL THING RIGHT NOW!
IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANYTHING!
WE HAVE TO
RESUSCITATE KIRUMA TATSUKI
AT ANY COST!
KARL-KUN,
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO MOVE ANYMORE ......
I
AM NOT ASKING YOU TO MOVE.
THE ONLY THING
I WANT IS

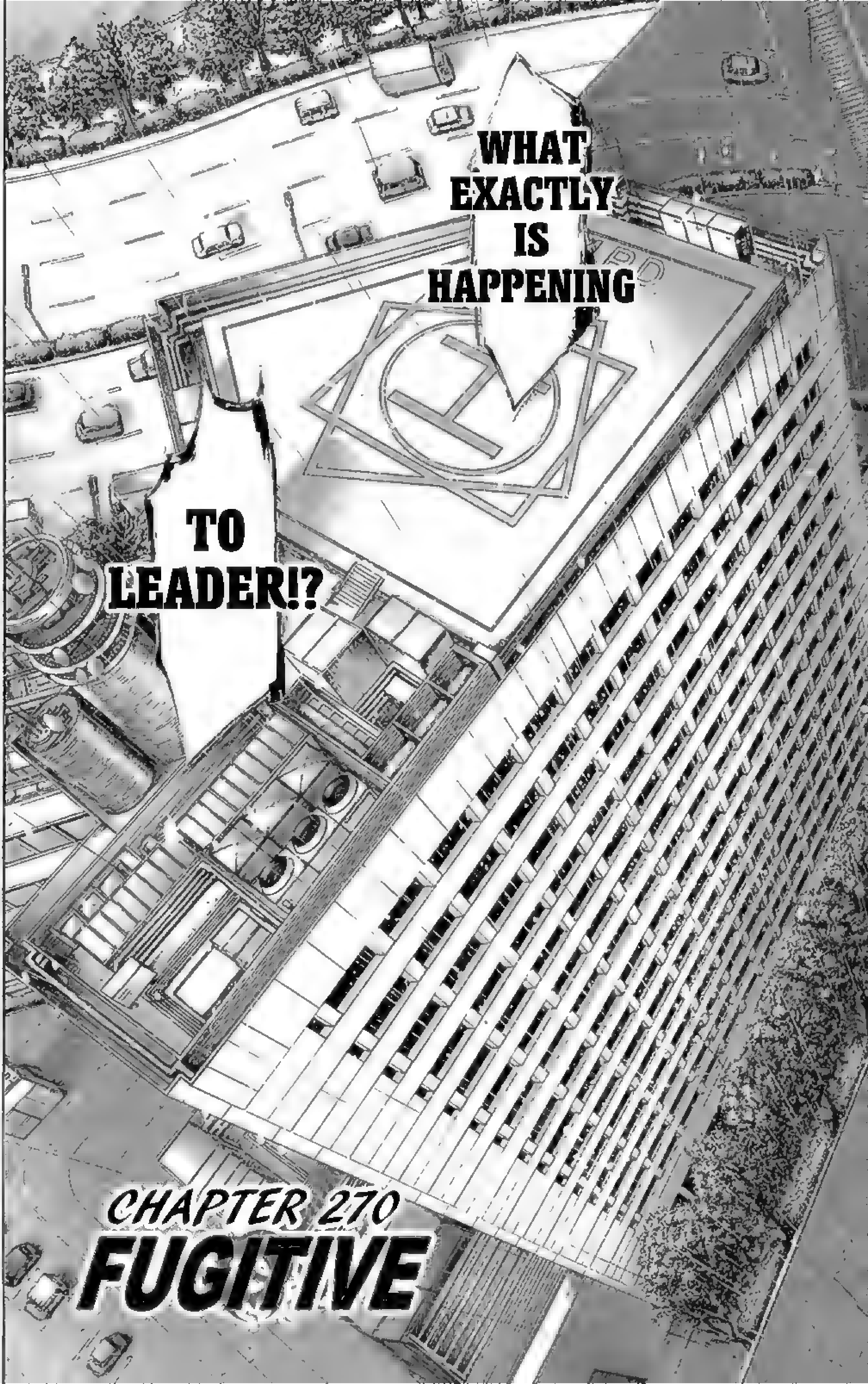
THE SCENE YOU SAW FROM THAT SCREEN,
......
THE RECORDING OF THE SPECIAL OBSERVATORY.
!
THE ONLY THING I WANT TO KNOW
IS THE "PASSWORD"
THAT USOGUI CHANGED.


IS THIS OUTSIDE OF YOUR PREDICTION...?
BECAUSE DURING THIS TOWER MATCH WHICH STARTED FROM USOGUI'S RADIO WAVES HIJACKING... DURING THIS DISTURBANCE,
I'M THE ONE
WHO SENT HIS PIECE IN FASTER THAN ANYONE ELSE,
SO I COULD GRASP THIS "CHANCE"
THAT APPEARED WITHIN A VERY INSTANT.


ALRIGHT,
DO YOU WANT TO STAND STILL BY YOURSELF?
OR DO YOU WANT TO BE UNABLE TO MOVE ANYMORE?
MAKE YOUR DECISION, KARL-KUN...


KU......
OUTSIDE OF YOUR PREDICTION!?


DON'T JUST SAY IT'S OUTSIDE OF YOUR PREDICTION, TOUYA!!
WEREN'T YOU WITH HIM!?
WE'RE SAVING HIM RIGHT NOW.
BLAME ME LATER.
HOW'S REFEREE KIRUMA?
I'VE ALSO SENT PEOPLE WHO ARE NEAR THE MPD TO YOU.
WE'VE SENT ALL THE POLICE OFFICERS WHO ARE UNDER NANPOU'S JURISDICTION TO ALL THE EXITS OF THE MPD.
IT'S NOT THAT EASY FOR HIM TO LEAVE THE MPD I THINK.
PLEASE KEEP SENDING PEOPLE HERE.
"I THINK"!?
BE-
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO CAREFREE? "I THINK" IS NOT OKAY!
BESIDES,
EXPLAIN IT MORE DETAILEDLY, TOUYA! WHAT EXACTLY...



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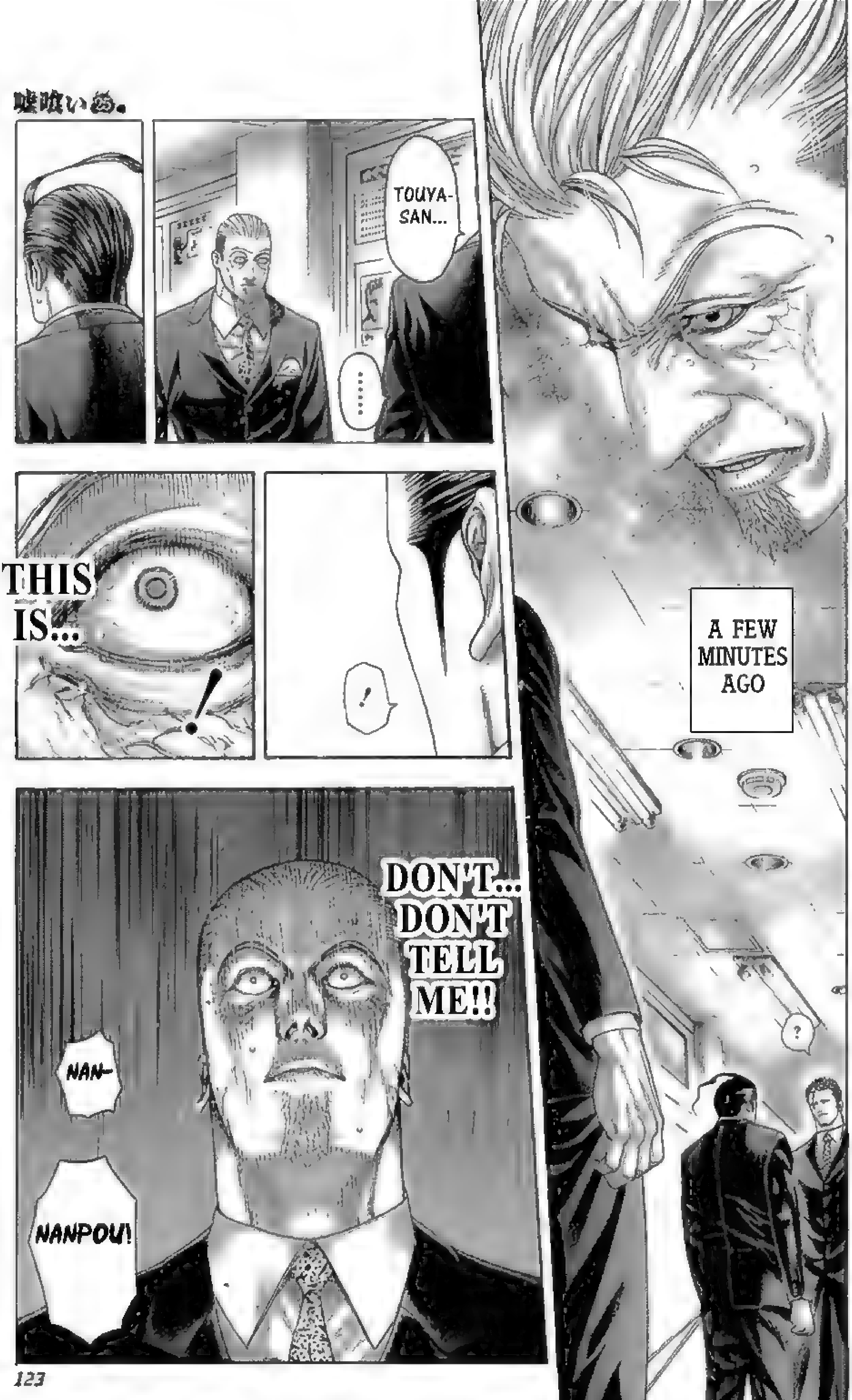
A FEW MINUTES AGO
?
TOUYA-SAN...
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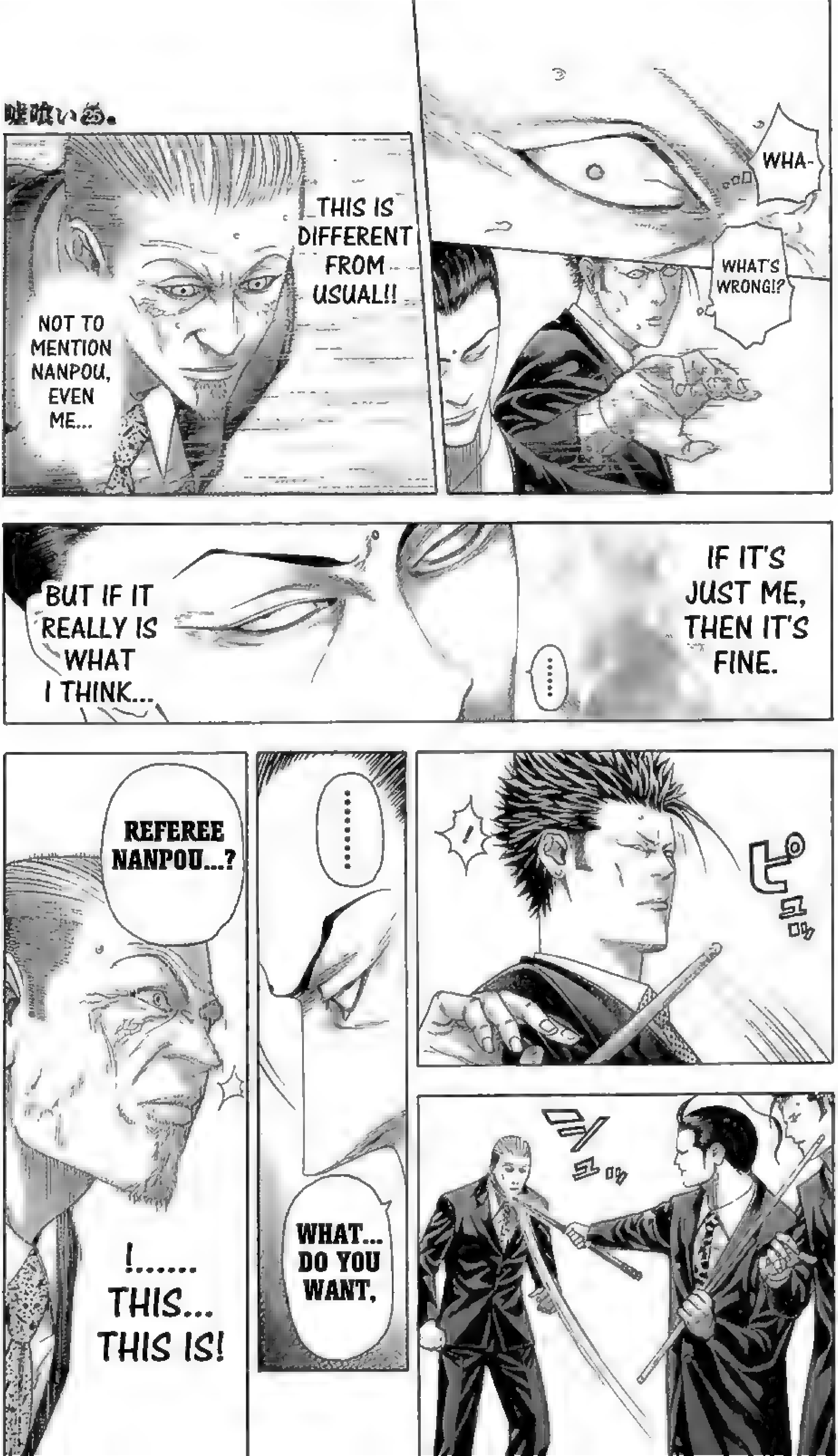
THIS IS...
!
DON'T... DON'T TELL ME!!
NAN-
NANPOU!

I'LL EXPLAIN IT LATER!
CATCH HIM!!


WHA-
WHAT'S WRONG!?
THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM USUAL!!
NOT TO MENTION NANPOU, EVEN ME...
IF IT'S JUST ME, THEN IT'S FINE.
......
BUT IF IT REALLY IS WHAT I THINK...
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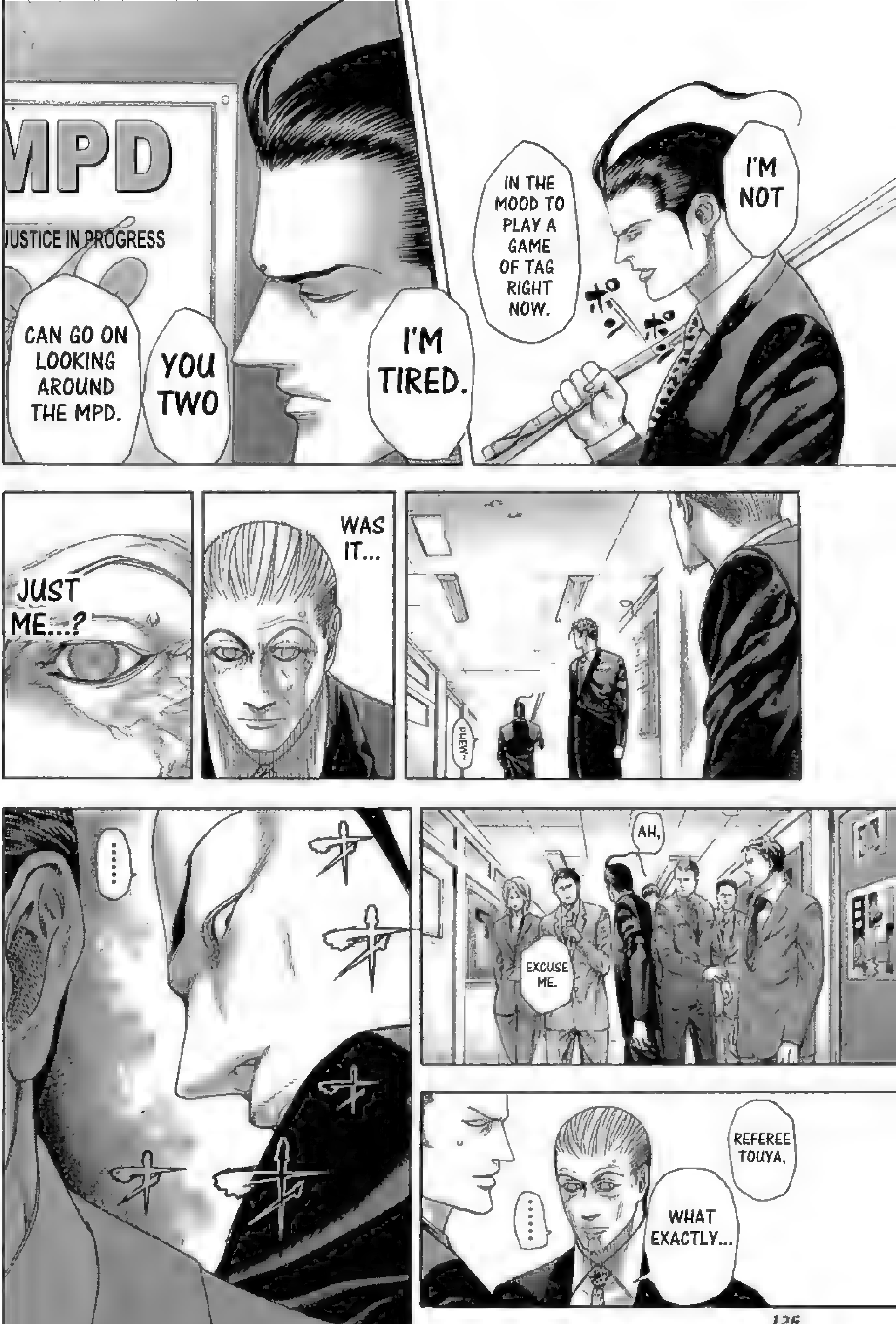
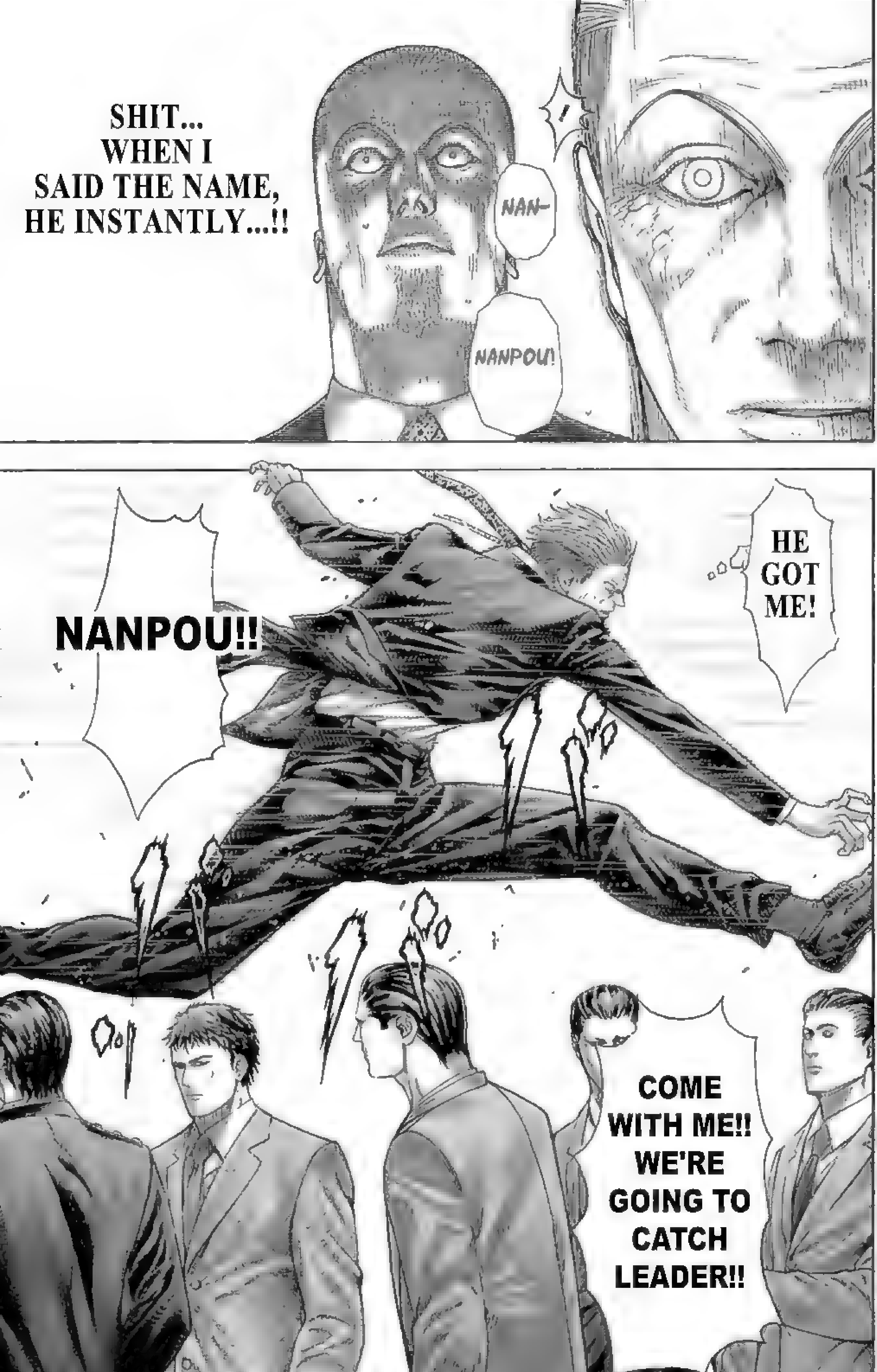
....
WHAT... DO YOU WANT,
REFEREE NANPOU...?
!...... THIS... THIS IS!


I'M NOT
IN THE MOOD TO PLAY A GAME OF TAG RIGHT NOW.
I'M TIRED.
YOU TWO
CAN GO ON LOOKING AROUND THE MPD.
MPD
JUSTICE IN PROGRESS
PHEW~
WAS IT...
JUST ME...?
AH,
EXCUSE ME.
......
REFEREE TOUYA,
WHAT EXACTLY...
......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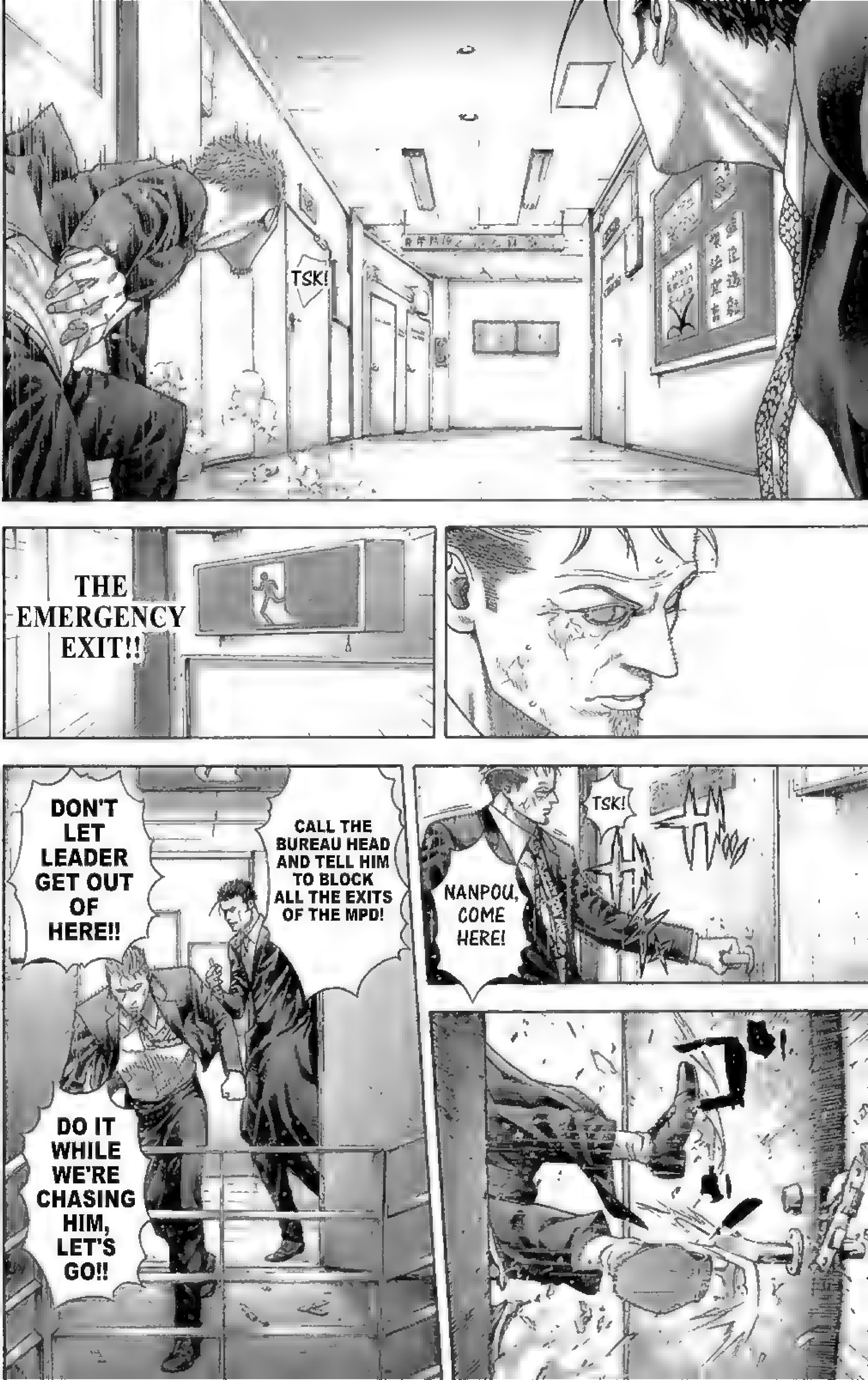
NAN-
NANPOU!
SHIT... WHEN I SAID THE NAME, HE INSTANTLY...!!
HE GOT ME!
NANPOU!!
COME WITH ME!! WE'RE GOING TO CATCH LEADER!!


TSK!
THE EMERGENCY EXIT!!
TSK!
NANPOU, COME HERE!
CALL THE BUREAU HEAD AND TELL HIM TO BLOCK ALL THE EXITS OF THE MPD!
DON'T LET LEADER GET OUT OF HERE!!
DO IT WHILE WE'RE CHASING HIM, LET'S GO!!
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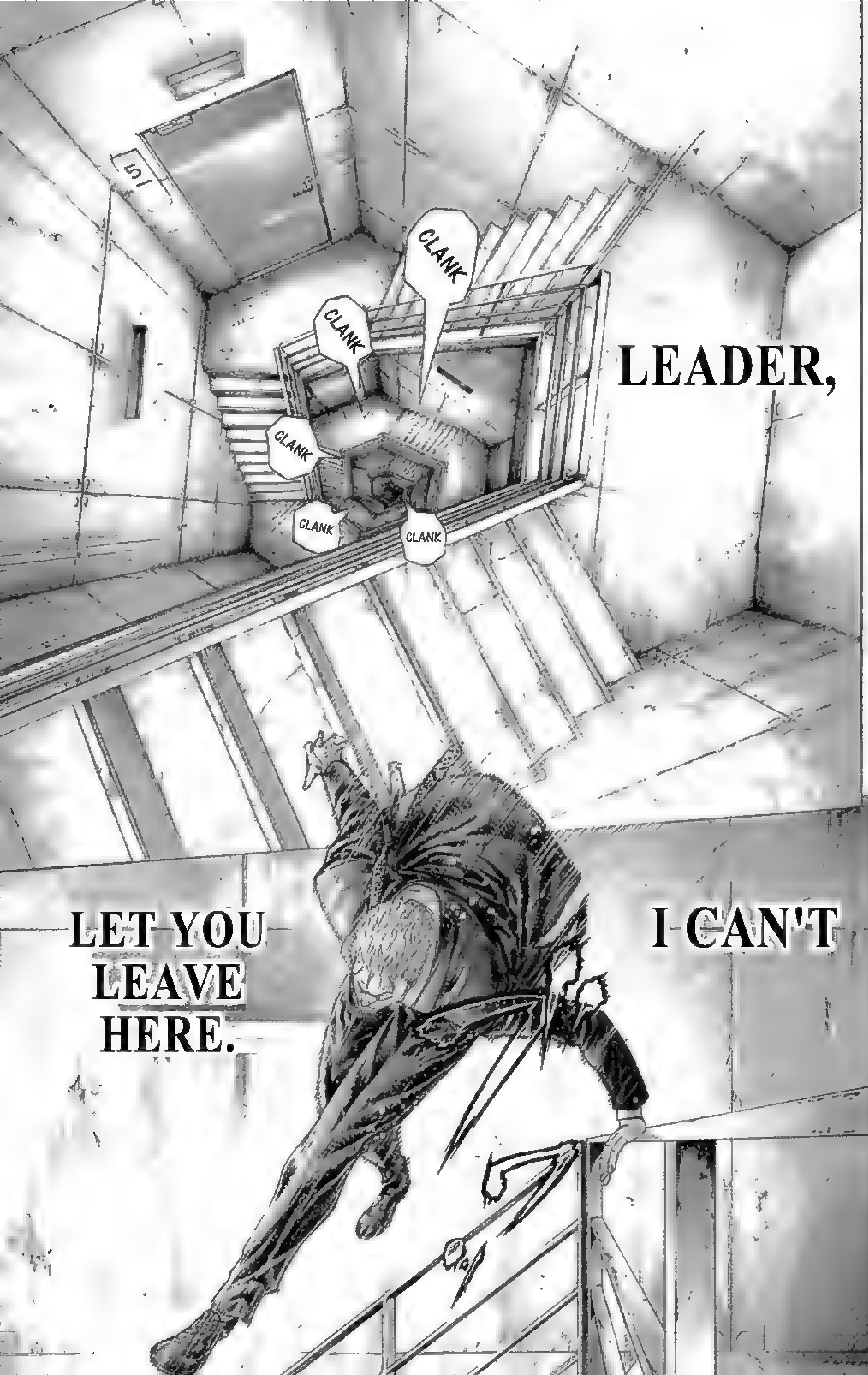
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CLANK
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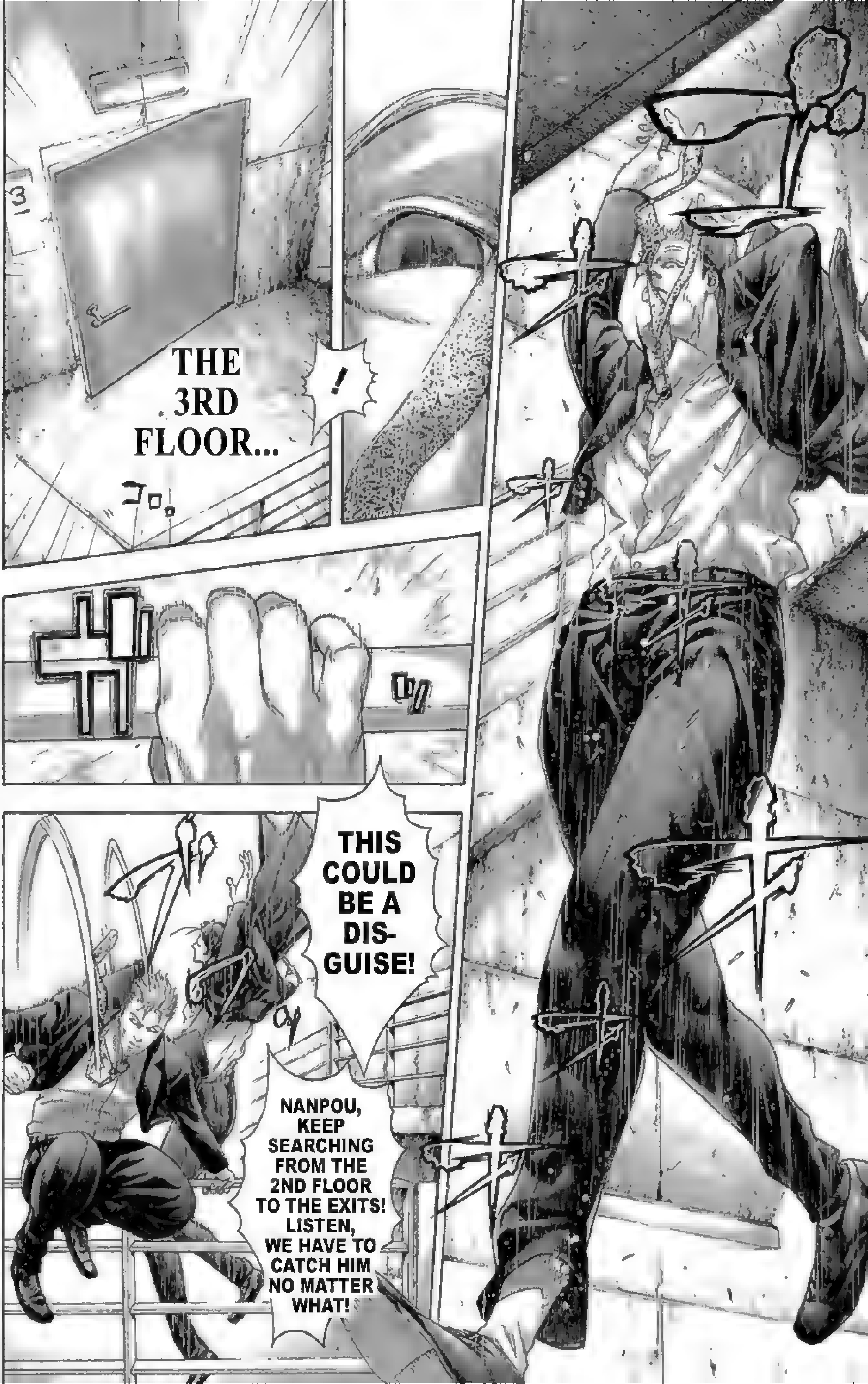
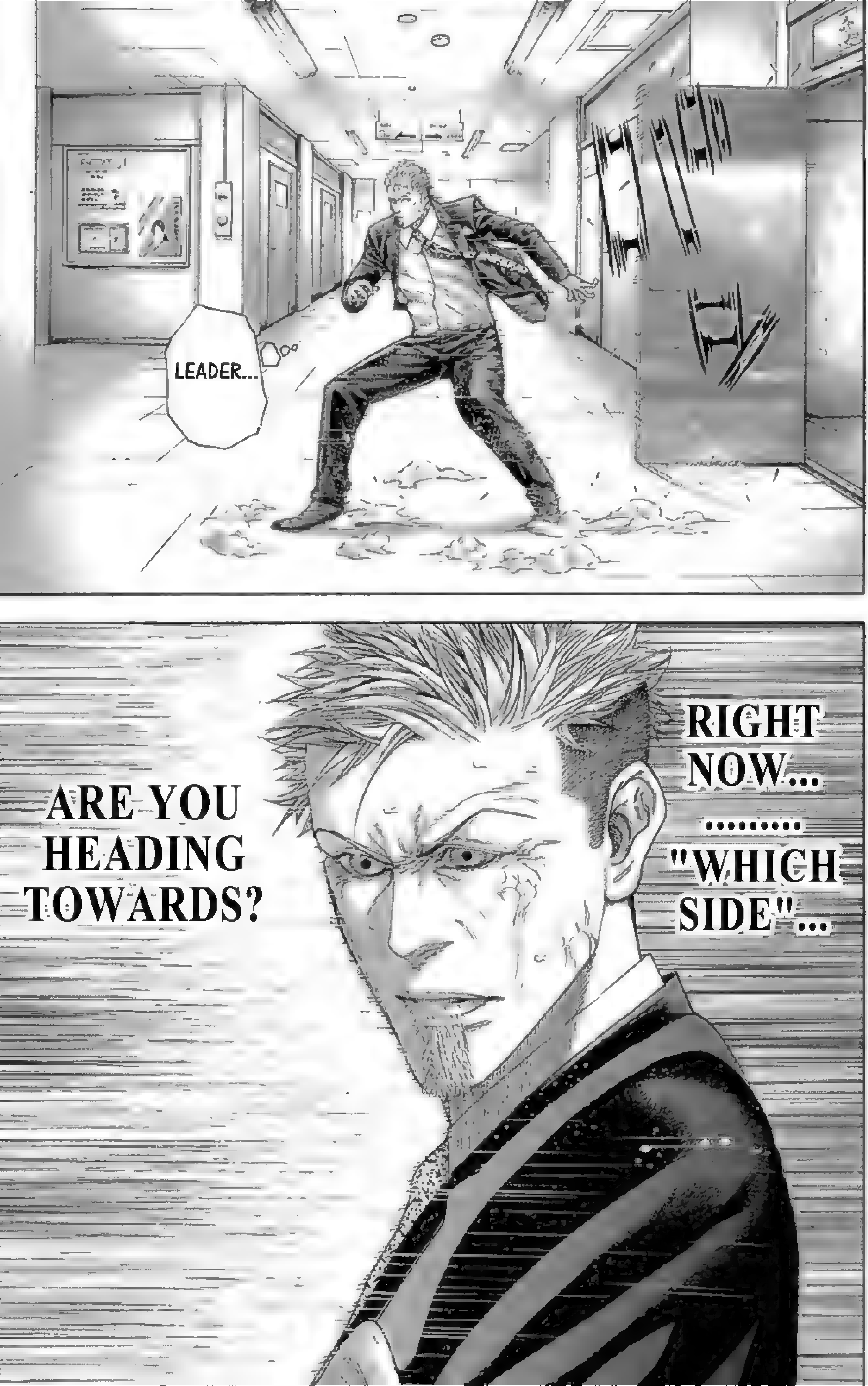
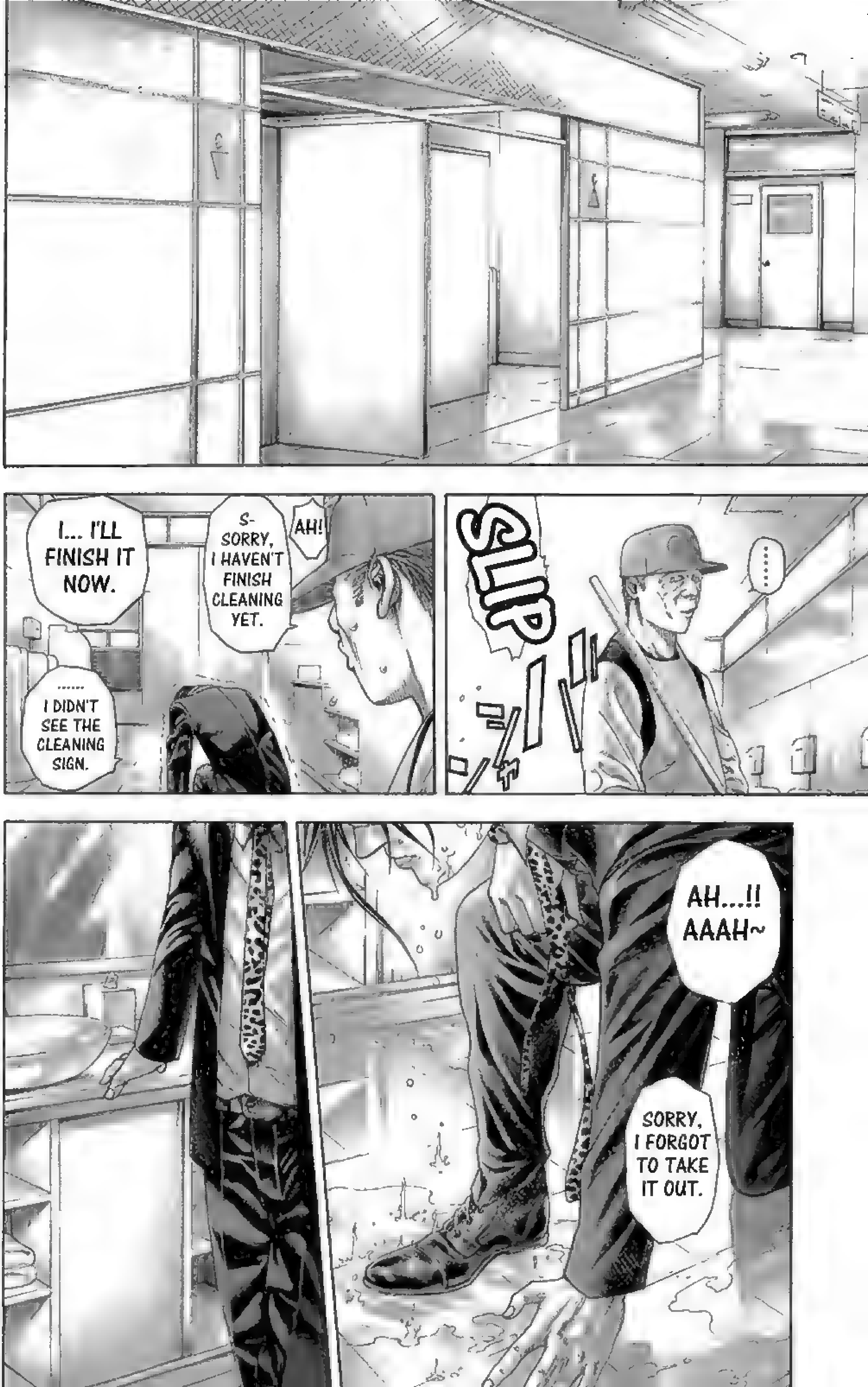
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
LEADER,
I CAN'T
LET YOU LEAVE HERE.


THE 3RD FLOOR...
!
THIS COULD BE A DISGUISE!
NANPOU, KEEP SEARCHING FROM THE 2ND FLOOR TO THE EXITS! LISTEN, WE HAVE TO CATCH HIM NO MATTER WHAT!


LEADER...
RIGHT NOW... .... "WHICH SIDE"...
ARE YOU HEADING TOWARDS?


SLIP
......
AH!
S-SORRY, I HAVEN'T FINISH CLEANING YET.
I... I'LL FINISH IT NOW.
...... I DIDN'T SEE THE CLEANING SIGN.
AH...!! AAAH~
SORRY, I FORGOT TO TAKE IT OUT.

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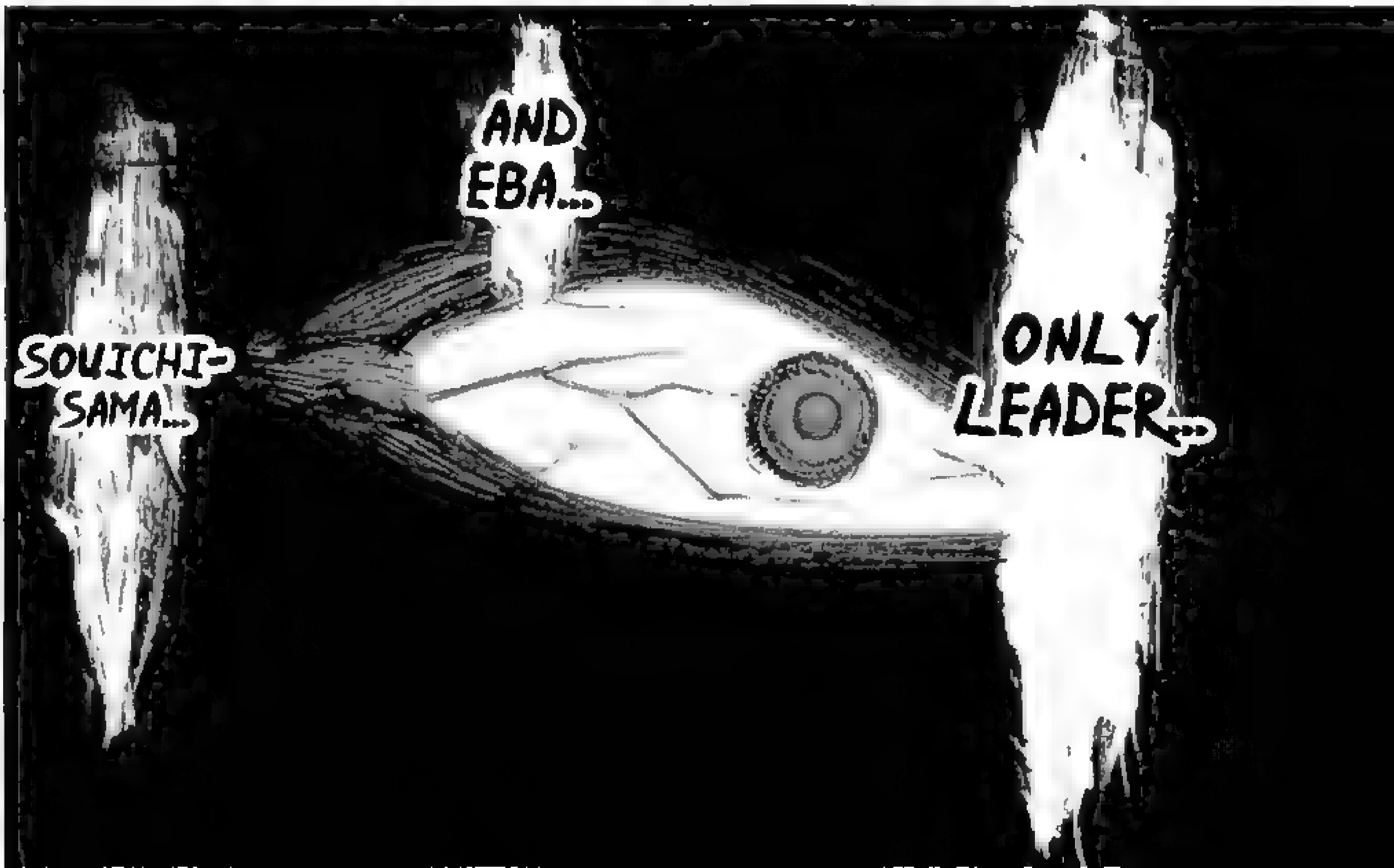
ONLY LEADER...
AND EBA...
SOUICHI-SAMA...

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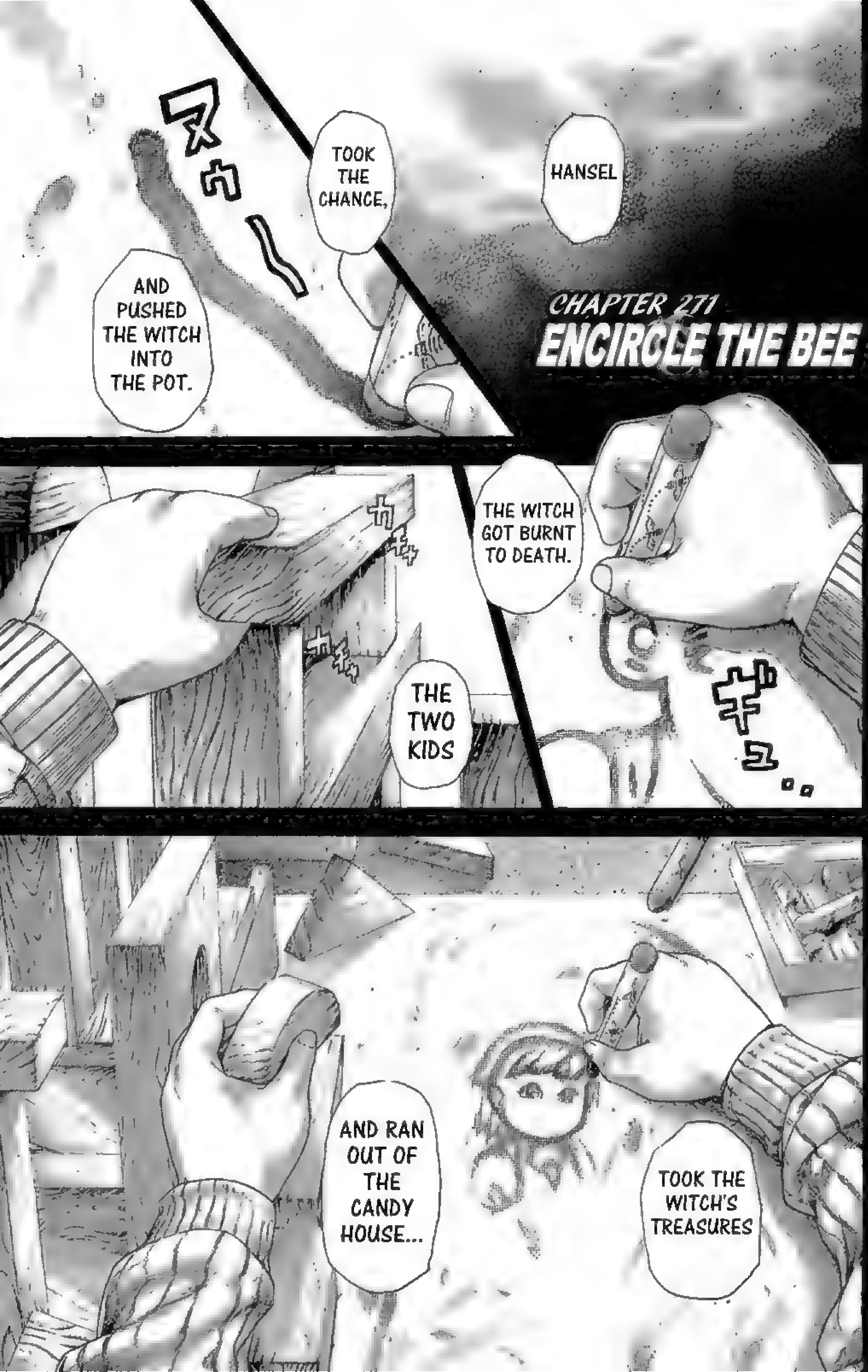
HANSEL
TOOK THE CHANCE,
AND PUSHED THE WITCH INTO THE POT.
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THE WITCH GOT BURNT TO DEATH.
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カチャ
THE TWO KIDS
TOOK THE WITCH'S TREASURES
AND RAN OUT OF THE CANDY HOUSE...

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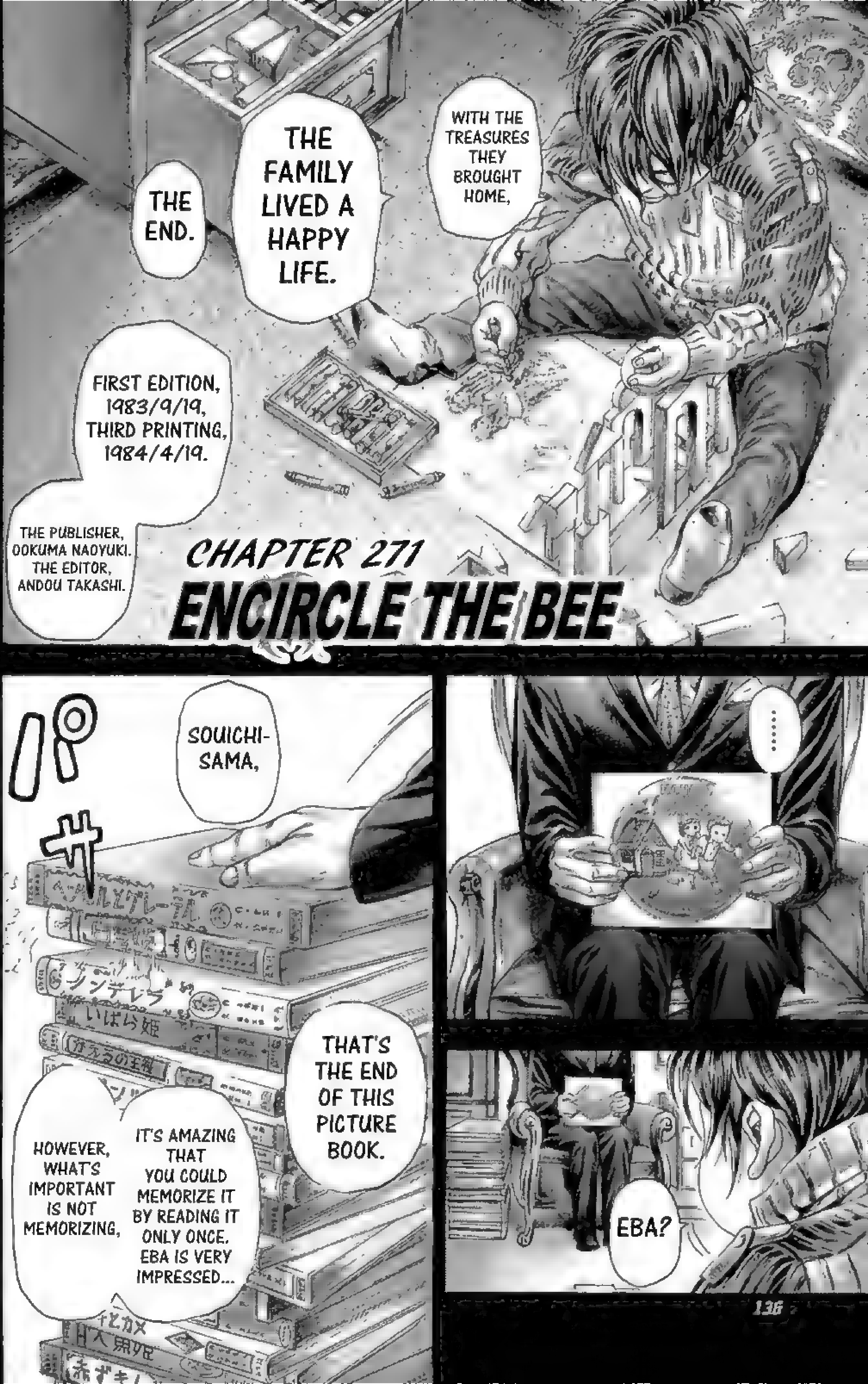
ENCIRCLE THE BEE


WITH THE TREASURES THEY BROUGHT HOME,
THE FAMILY LIVED A HAPPY LIFE.
THE END.
FIRST EDITION, 1983/9/19, THIRD PRINTING, 1984/4/19.
THE PUBLISHER, OOKUMA NAOYUKI. THE EDITOR, ANDOU TAKASHI.
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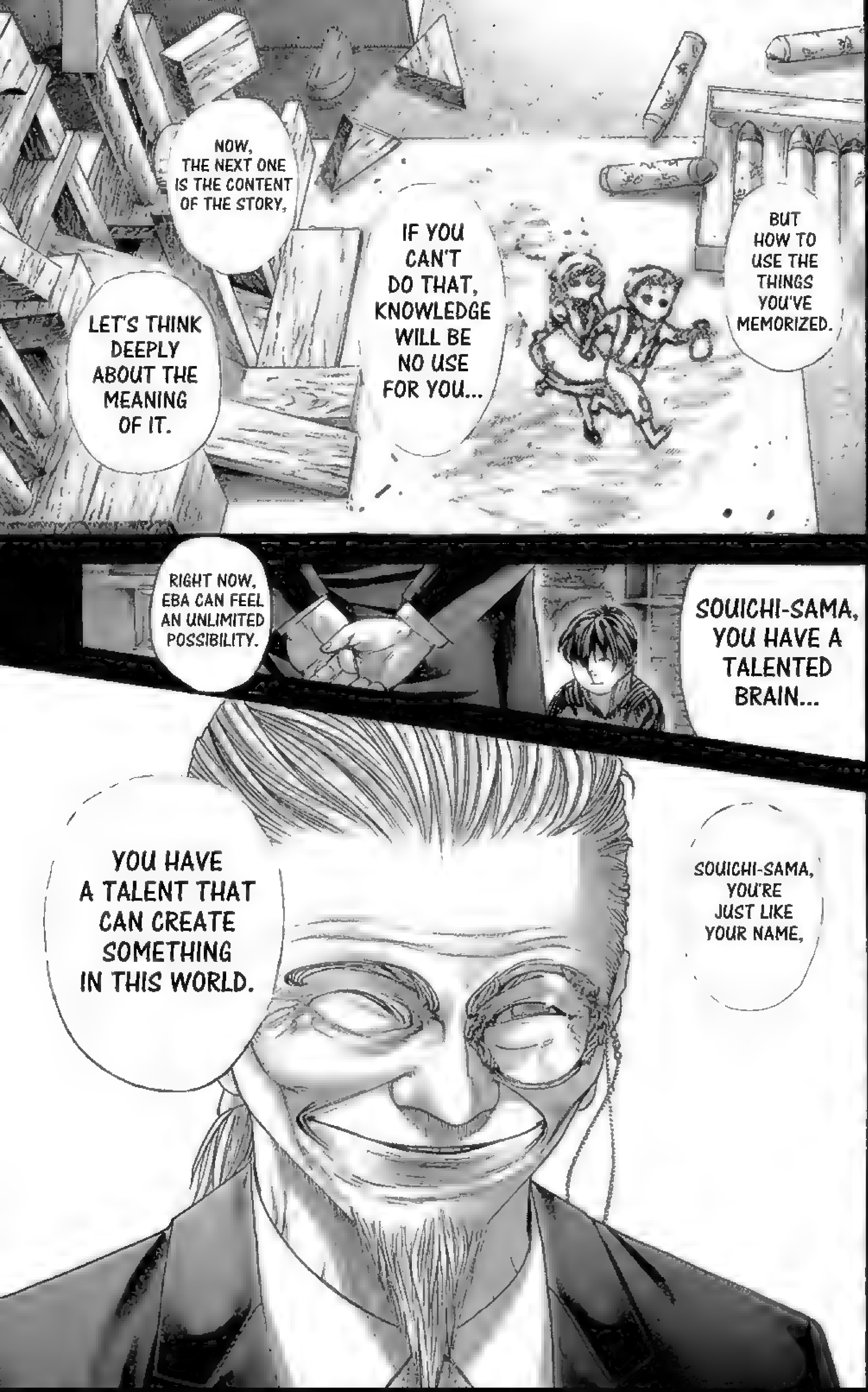
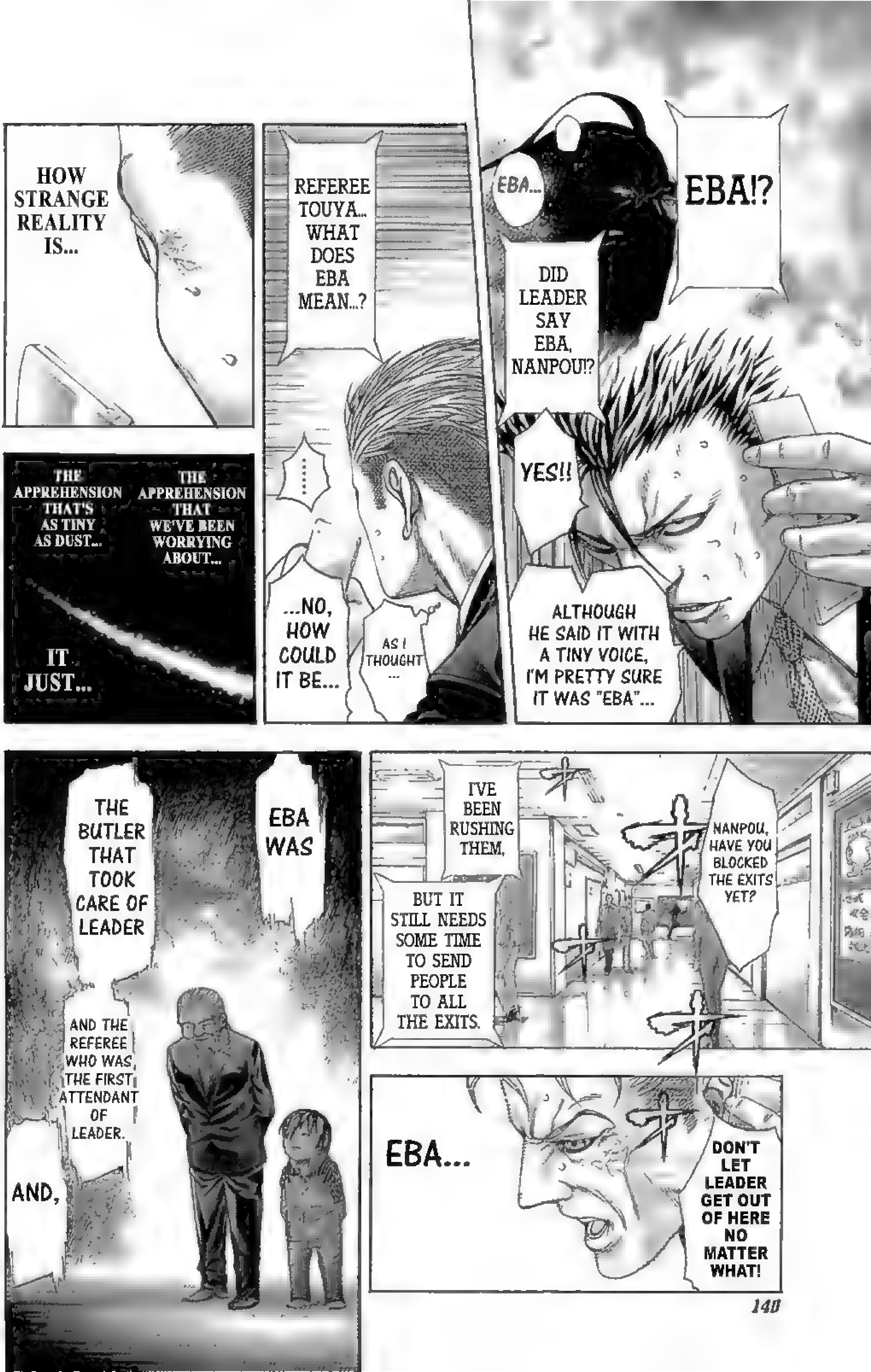
EBA?
パ
サ
SOUICHI-SAMA,
THAT'S THE END OF THIS PICTURE BOOK.
IT'S AMAZING THAT YOU COULD MEMORIZE IT BY READING IT ONLY ONCE. EBA IS VERY IMPRESSED...
HOWEVER, WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS NOT MEMORIZING,
ヘンゼルとグレーテル
シンデレラ
いばら姫
かえるの王様
人魚姫
赤ずきん

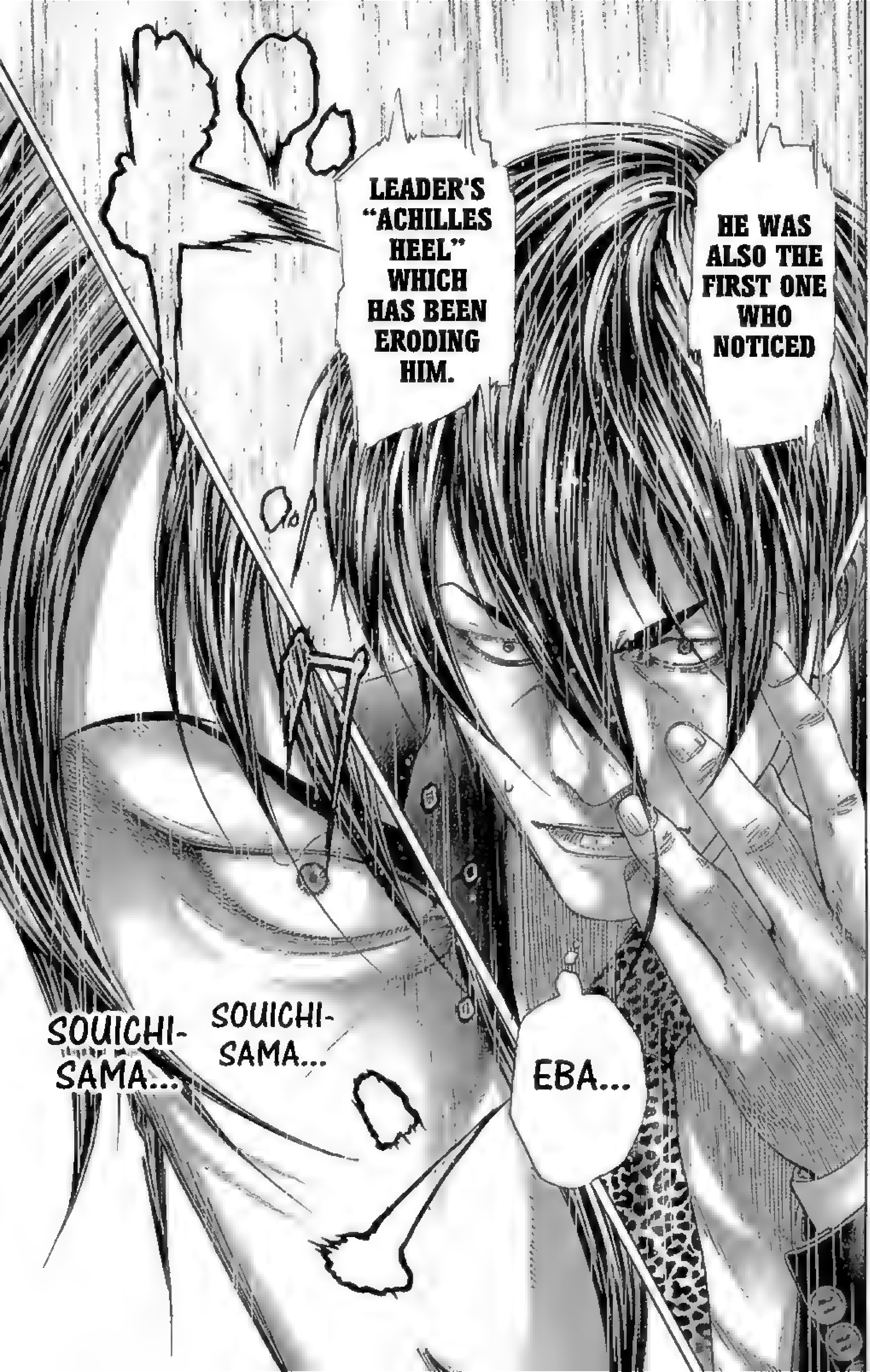

NOW, THE NEXT ONE IS THE CONTENT OF THE STORY,
BUT HOW TO USE THE THINGS YOU'VE MEMORIZED.
IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT, KNOWLEDGE WILL BE NO USE FOR YOU...
LET'S THINK DEEPLY ABOUT THE MEANING OF IT.
SOUICHI-SAMA, YOU HAVE A TALENTED BRAIN...
RIGHT NOW, EBA CAN FEEL AN UNLIMITED POSSIBILITY.
SOUICHI-SAMA, YOU'RE JUST LIKE YOUR NAME,
YOU HAVE A TALENT THAT CAN CREATE SOMETHING IN THIS WORLD.

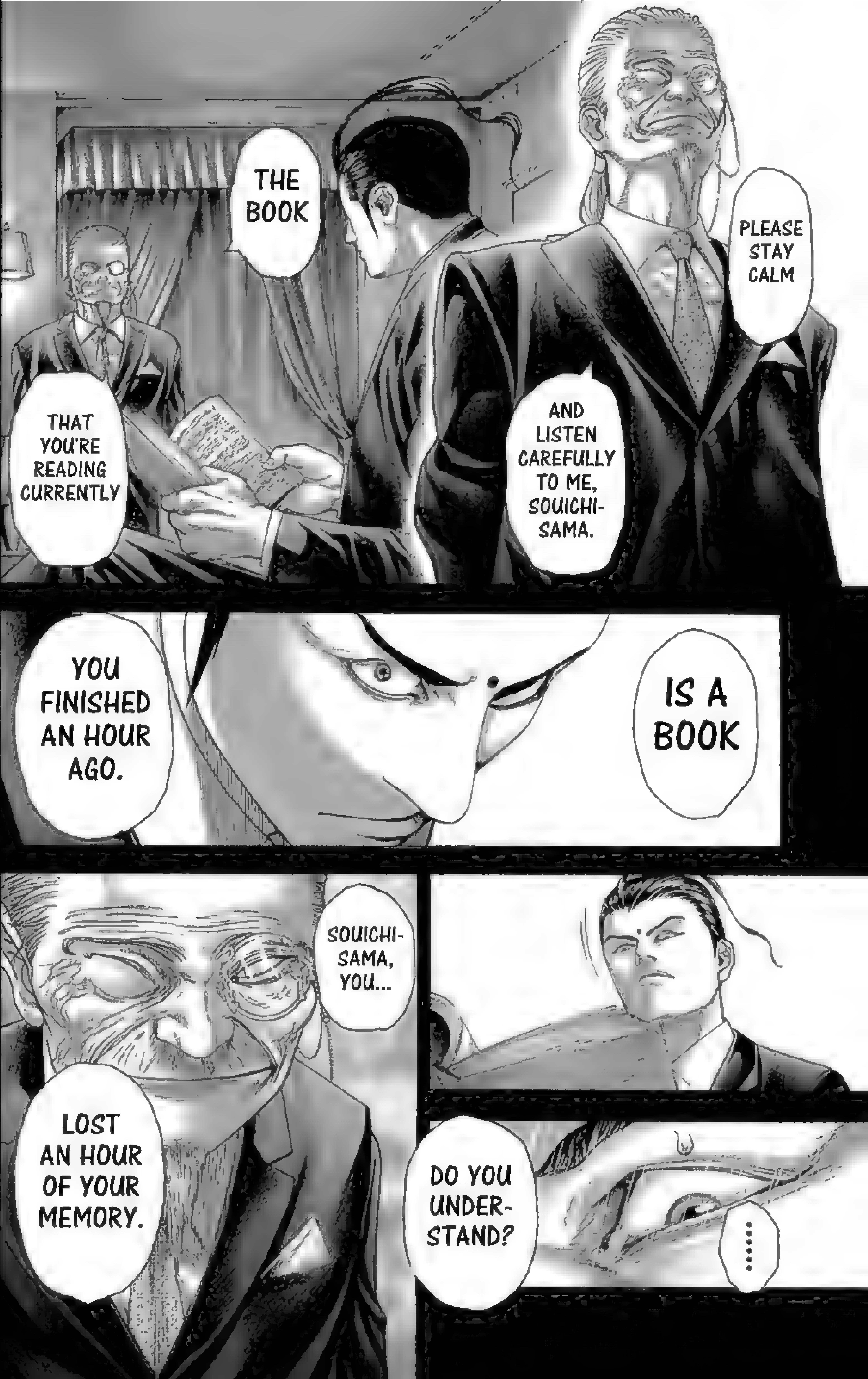
*THE WORD "SOU(創)" IN "SOUICHI(創一)" MEANS "CREATE".

CO-

COMPARED TO THE STRANGE TRUTH,
THE HUMAN IMAGINATION AMOUNTS TO NOTHING BUT CANNON FODDER.
EVERY TIME WHEN "THAT" ARISES, I...
AM KNOCKED OUT BY HOW SHALLOW THE SELF IS...
MY ABOMINABLE HUBRIS...
IS TRUELY ......
LIMITLESS......
......
EBA...


EBA!?
EBA...
DID LEADER SAY EBA, NANPOU!?
YES!!
ALTHOUGH HE SAID IT WITH A TINY VOICE, I'M PRETTY SURE IT WAS "EBA"...
REFEREE TOUYA... WHAT DOES EBA MEAN...?
......
AS I THOUGHT...
...NO, HOW COULD IT BE...
HOW STRANGE REALITY IS...
THE APPREHENSION THAT WE'VE BEEN WORRYING ABOUT...
THE APPREHENSION THAT'S AS TINY AS DUST...
IT JUST...
NANPOU, HAVE YOU BLOCKED THE EXITS YET?
I'VE BEEN RUSHING THEM,
BUT IT STILL NEEDS SOME TIME TO SEND PEOPLE TO ALL THE EXITS.
DON'T LET LEADER GET OUT OF HERE NO MATTER WHAT!
EBA...
EBA WAS
THE BUTLER THAT TOOK CARE OF LEADER
AND THE REFEREE WHO WAS THE FIRST ATTENDANT OF LEADER.
AND,


HE WAS ALSO THE FIRST ONE WHO NOTICED
LEADER'S "ACHILLES HEEL" WHICH HAS BEEN ERODING HIM.
EBA...
SOUICHI-SAMA...
SOUICHI-SAMA...


PLEASE STAY CALM
AND LISTEN CAREFULLY TO ME, SOUICHI-SAMA.
THE BOOK
THAT YOU'RE READING CURRENTLY
IS A BOOK
YOU FINISHED AN HOUR AGO.
SOUICHI-SAMA, YOU...
LOST AN HOUR OF YOUR MEMORY.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
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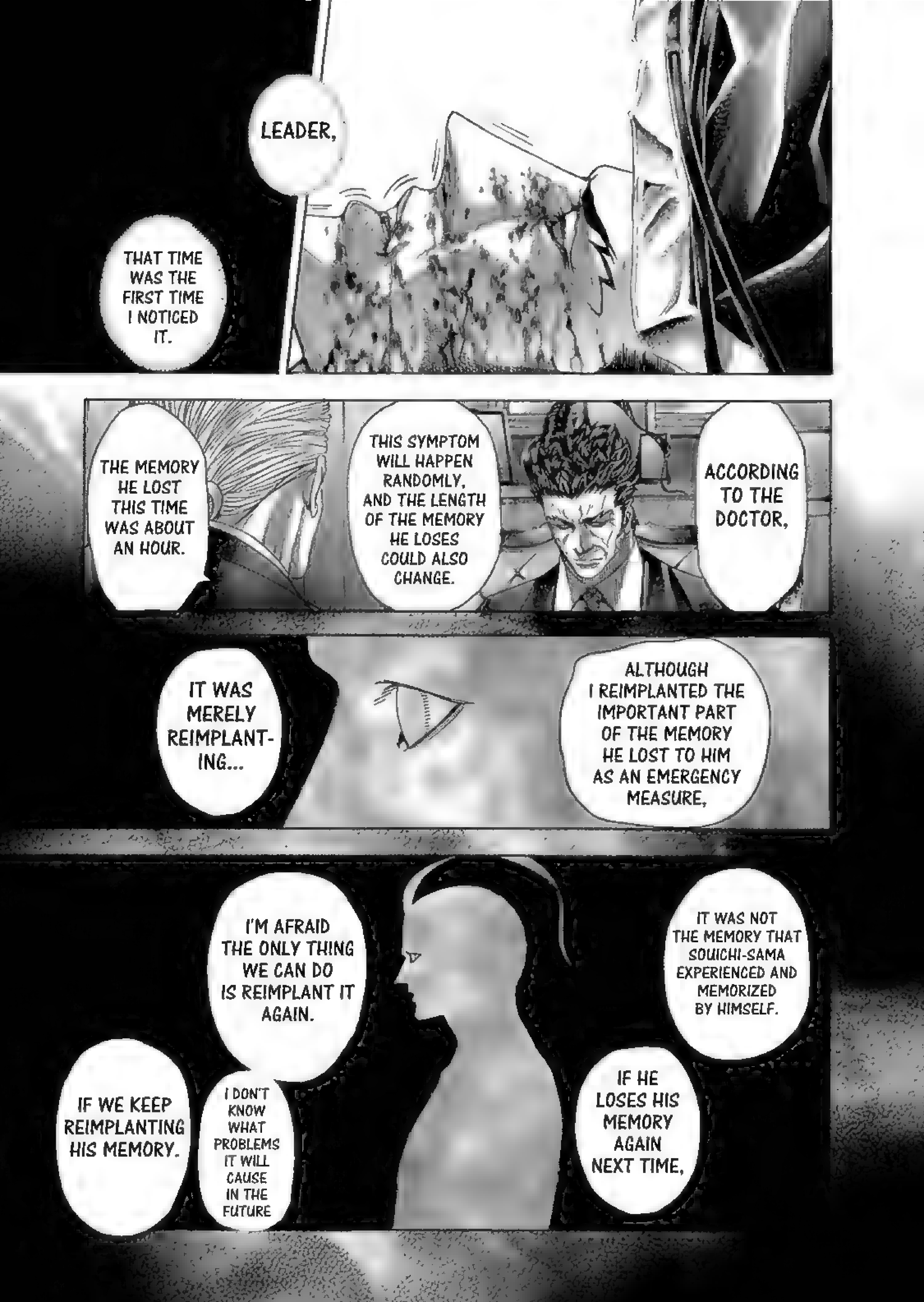
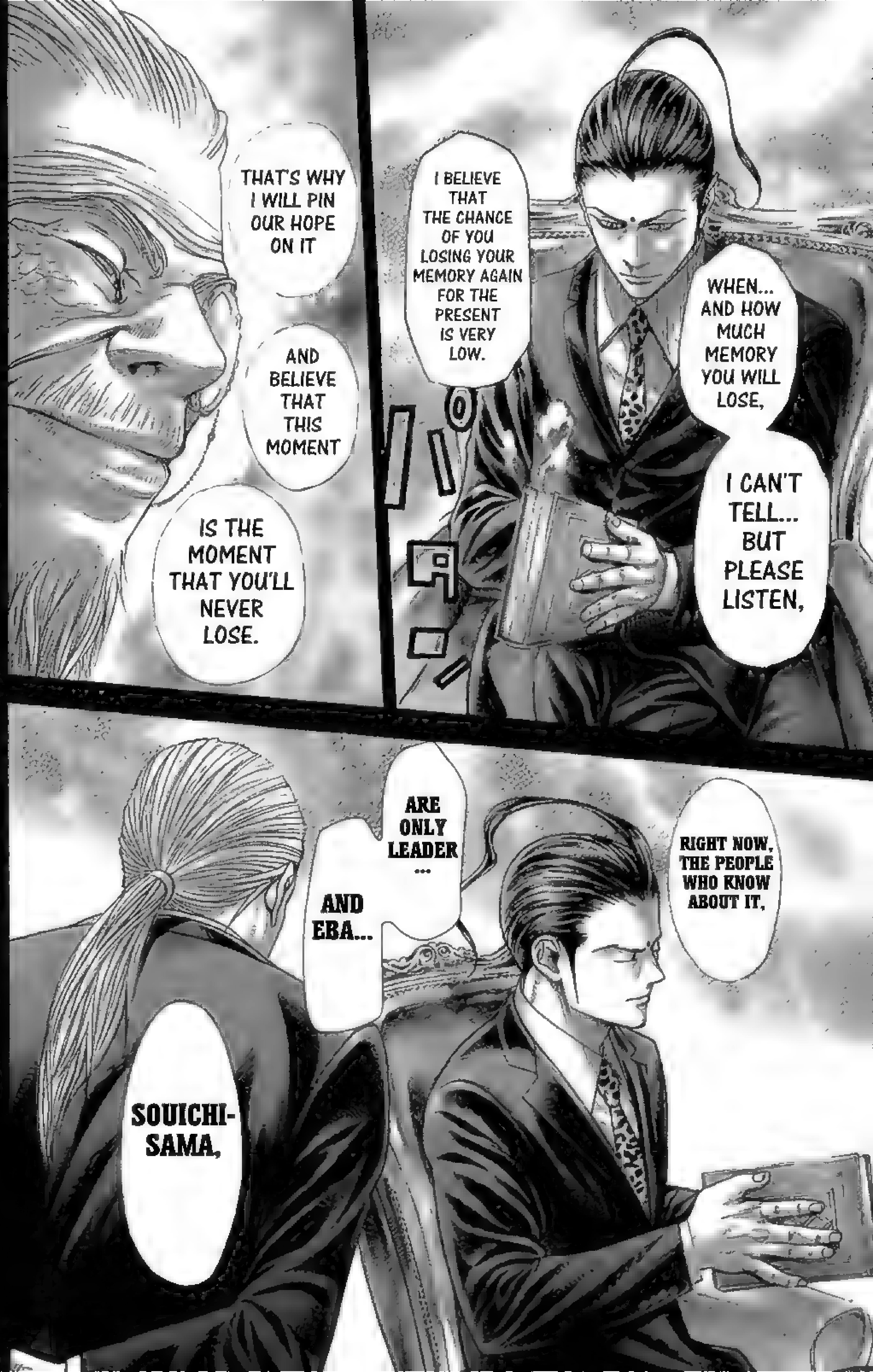
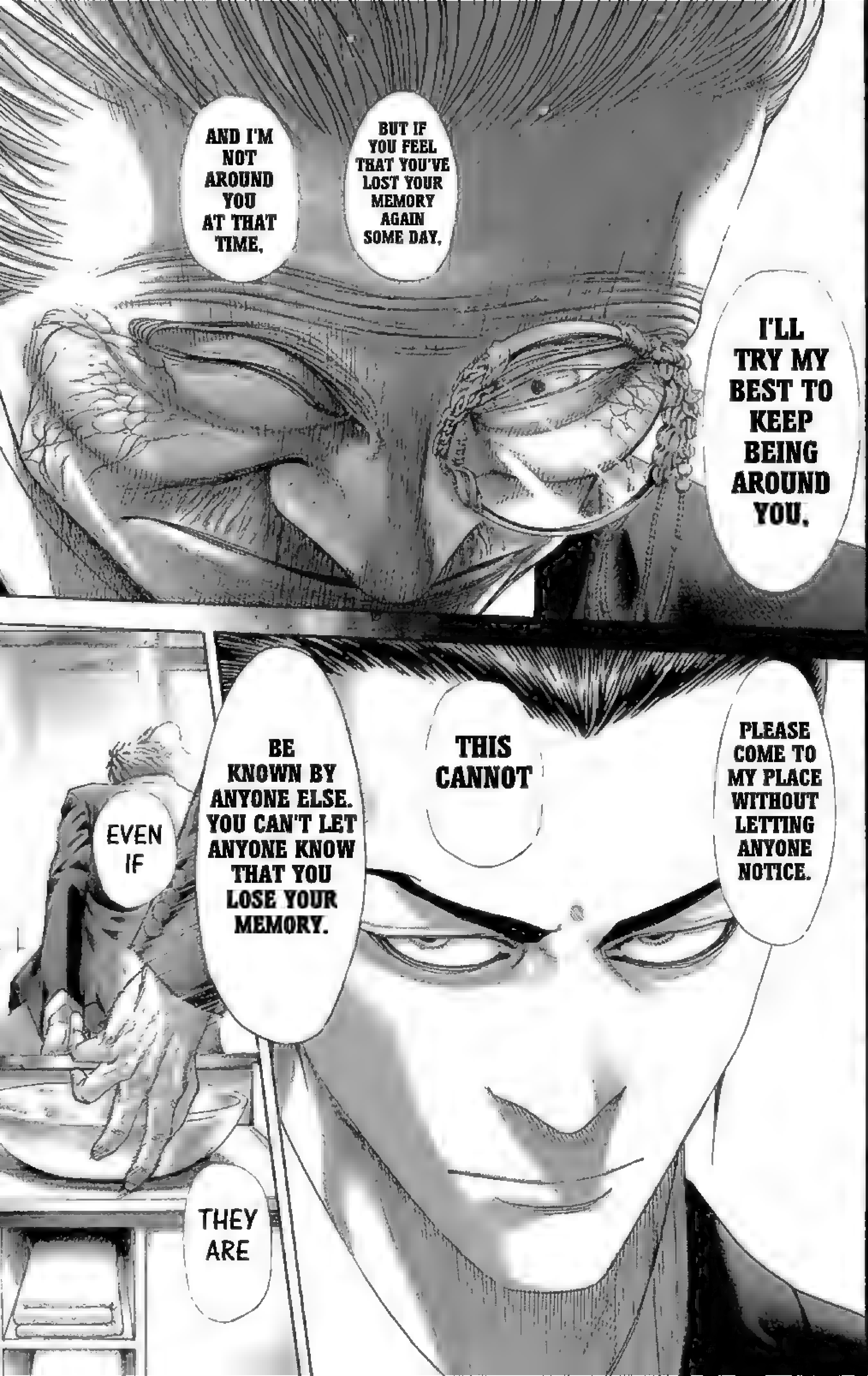
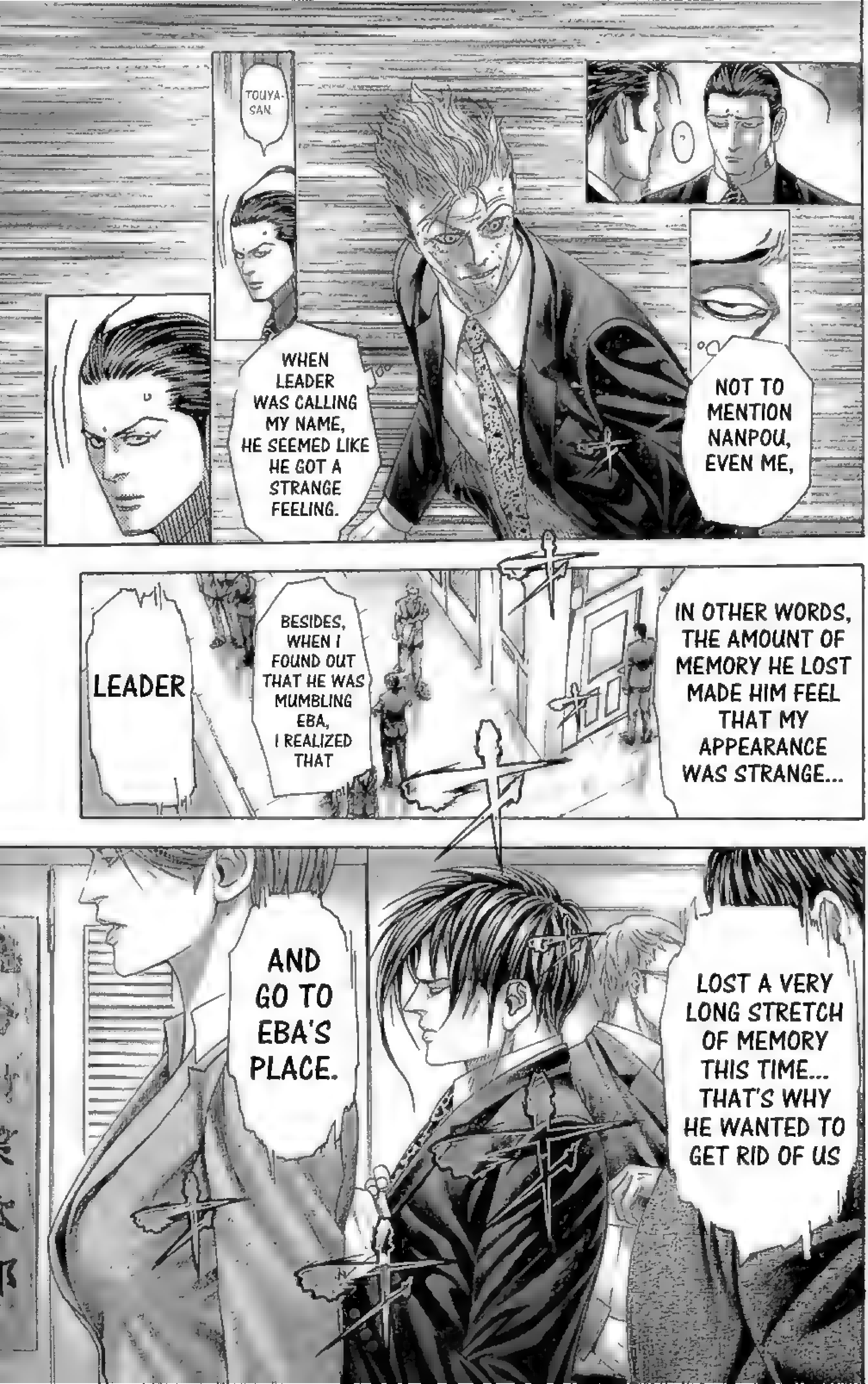
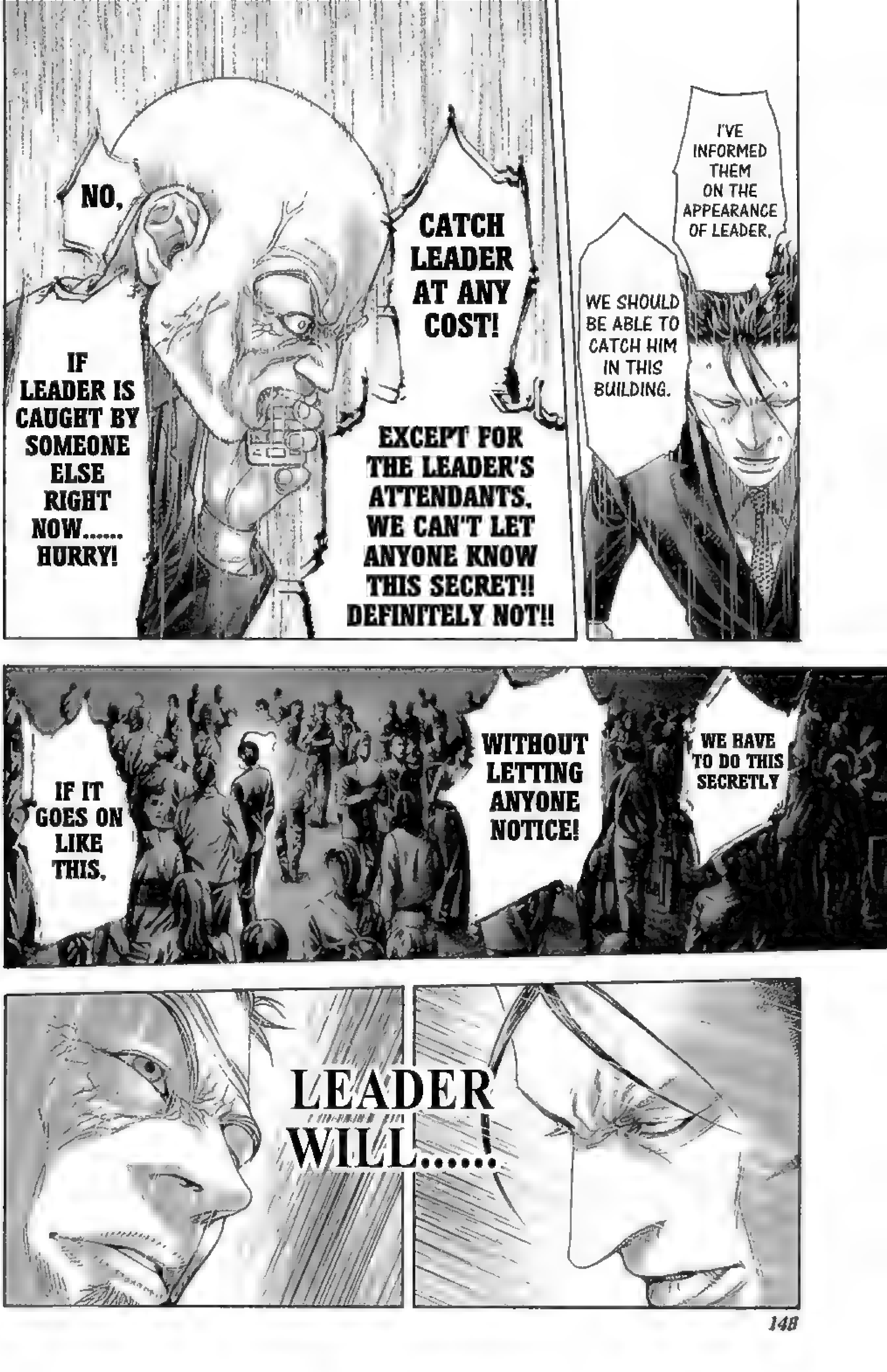

LEADER,
THAT TIME WAS THE FIRST TIME I NOTICED IT.
ACCORDING TO THE DOCTOR,
THIS SYMPTOM WILL HAPPEN RANDOMLY, AND THE LENGTH OF THE MEMORY HE LOSES COULD ALSO CHANGE.
THE MEMORY HE LOST THIS TIME WAS ABOUT AN HOUR.
ALTHOUGH I REIMPLANTED THE IMPORTANT PART OF THE MEMORY HE LOST TO HIM AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE,
IT WAS MERELY REIMPLANTING...
IT WAS NOT THE MEMORY THAT SOUICHI-SAMA EXPERIENCED AND MEMORIZED BY HIMSELF.
IF HE LOSES HIS MEMORY AGAIN NEXT TIME,
I'M AFRAID THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO IS REIMPLANT IT AGAIN.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT PROBLEMS IT WILL CAUSE IN THE FUTURE
IF WE KEEP REIMPLANTING HIS MEMORY.

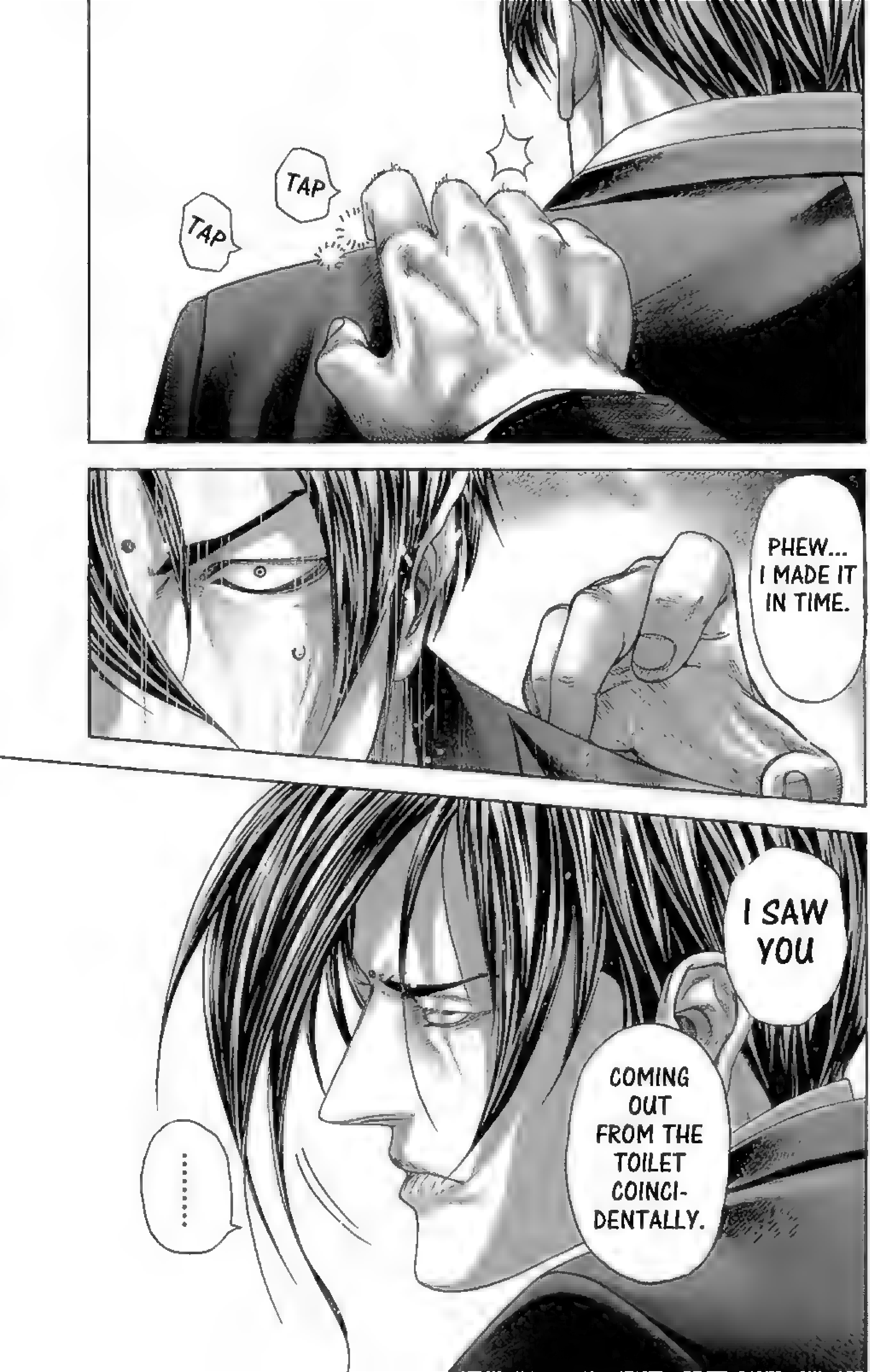

WHEN... AND HOW MUCH MEMORY YOU WILL LOSE,
I CAN'T TELL... BUT PLEASE LISTEN,
I BELIEVE THAT THE CHANCE OF YOU LOSING YOUR MEMORY AGAIN FOR THE PRESENT IS VERY LOW.
THAT'S WHY I WILL PIN OUR HOPE ON IT
AND BELIEVE THAT THIS MOMENT
IS THE MOMENT THAT YOU'LL NEVER LOSE.
RIGHT NOW, THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW ABOUT IT,
ARE ONLY LEADER...
AND EBA...
SOUICHI-SAMA,


I'LL TRY MY BEST TO KEEP BEING AROUND YOU.
BUT IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU'VE LOST YOUR MEMORY AGAIN SOME DAY,
AND I'M NOT AROUND YOU AT THAT TIME,
PLEASE COME TO MY PLACE WITHOUT LETTING ANYONE NOTICE.
THIS CANNOT
BE KNOWN BY ANYONE ELSE. YOU CAN'T LET ANYONE KNOW THAT YOU LOSE YOUR MEMORY.
EVEN IF
THEY ARE

A REFEREE.


?
TOUYA-SAN.
NOT TO MENTION NANPOU, EVEN ME,
WHEN LEADER WAS CALLING MY NAME, HE SEEMED LIKE HE GOT A STRANGE FEELING.
IN OTHER WORDS, THE AMOUNT OF MEMORY HE LOST MADE HIM FEEL THAT MY APPEARANCE WAS STRANGE...
BESIDES, WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT HE WAS MUMBLING EBA, I REALIZED THAT
LEADER
LOST A VERY LONG STRETCH OF MEMORY THIS TIME... THAT'S WHY HE WANTED TO GET RID OF US
AND GO TO EBA'S PLACE.


I'VE INFORMED THEM ON THE APPEARANCE OF LEADER,
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM IN THIS BUILDING.
NO,
CATCH LEADER AT ANY COST!
EXCEPT FOR THE LEADER'S ATTENDANTS, WE CAN'T LET ANYONE KNOW THIS SECRET!! DEFINITELY NOT!!
IF LEADER IS CAUGHT BY SOMEONE ELSE RIGHT NOW...... HURRY!
WE HAVE TO DO THIS SECRETLY
WITHOUT LETTING ANYONE NOTICE!
IF IT GOES ON LIKE THIS,
LEADER WILL......!


TAP
TAP
PHEW... I MADE IT IN TIME.
I SAW YOU
COMING OUT FROM THE TOILET COINCIDENTALLY.
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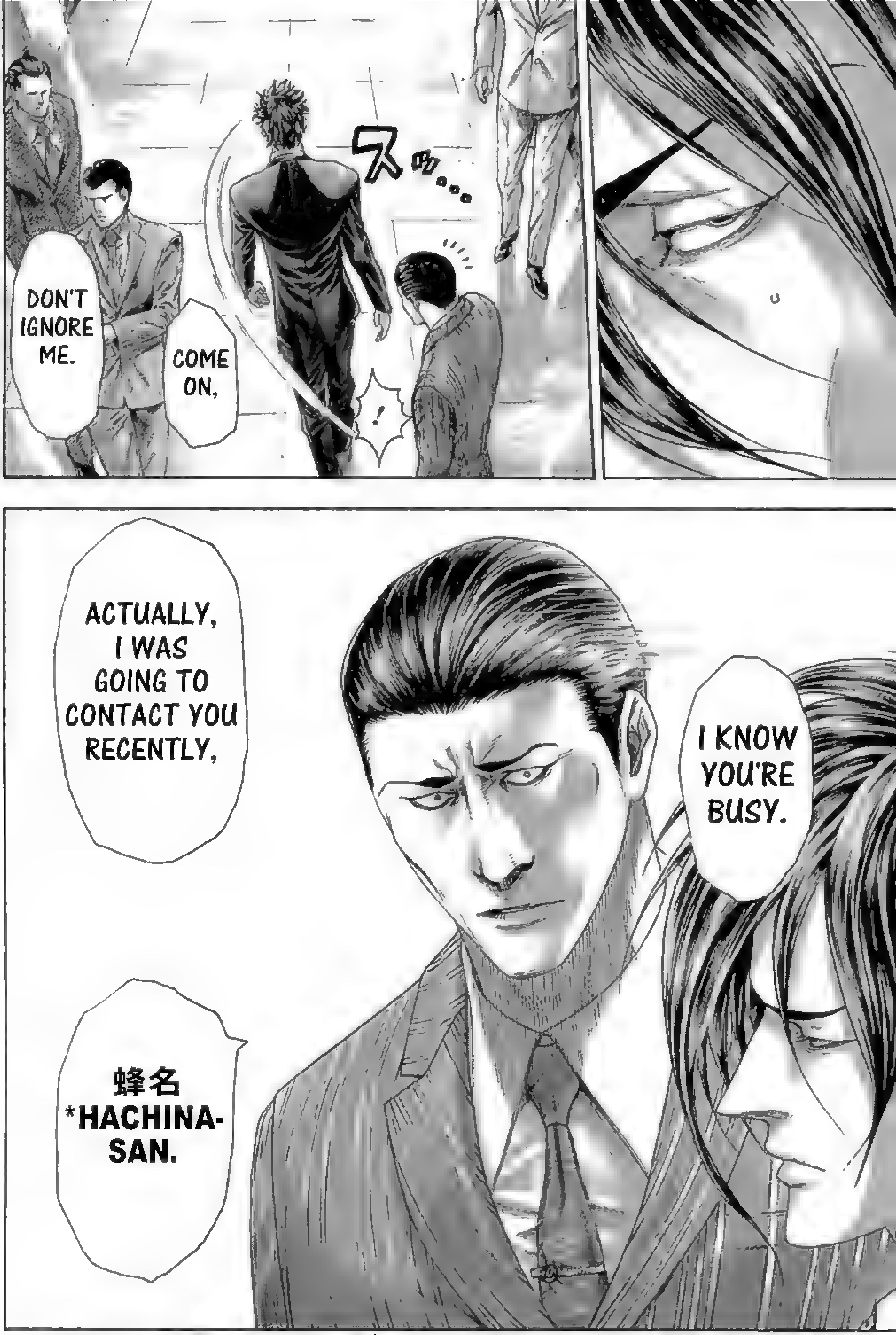
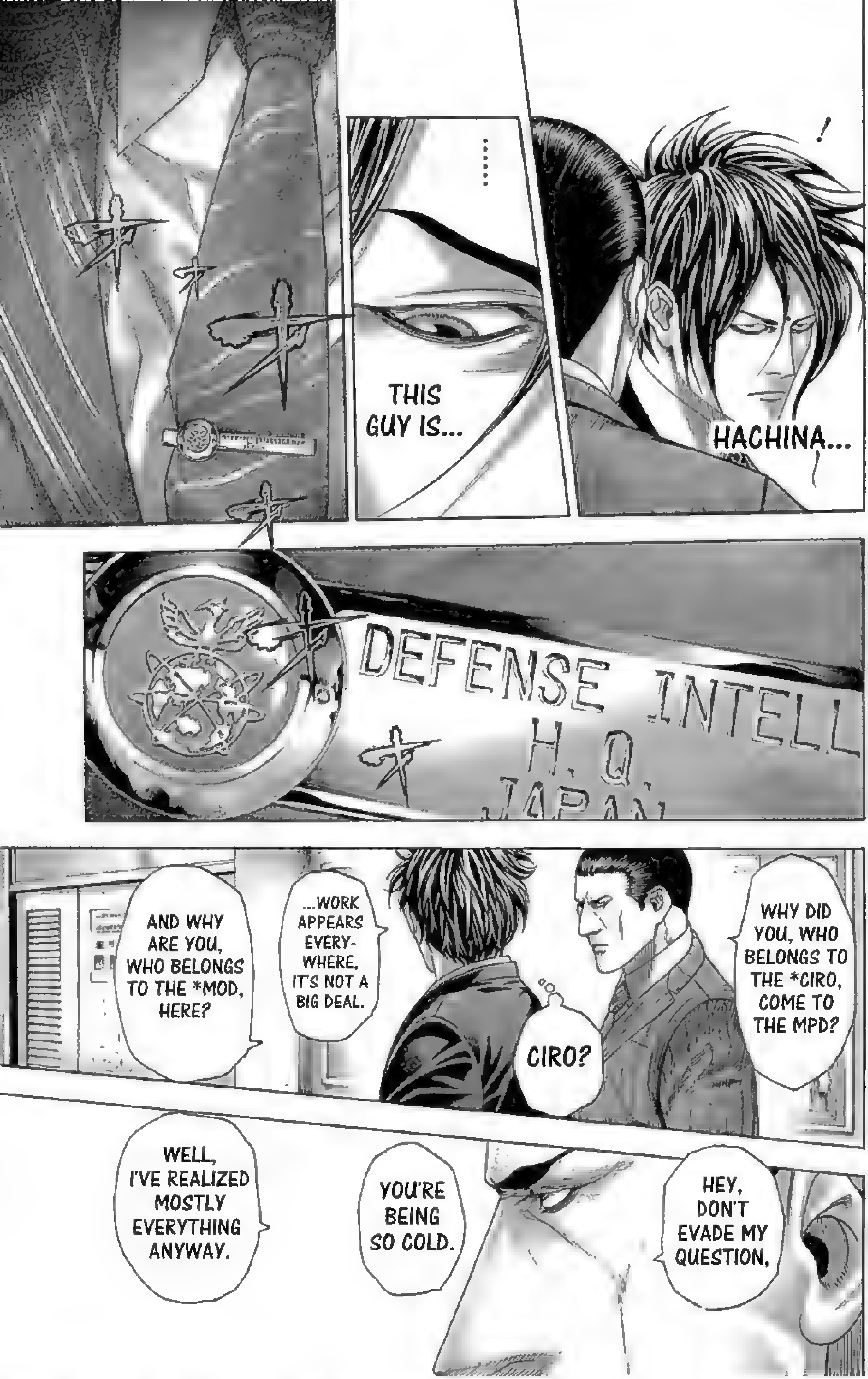


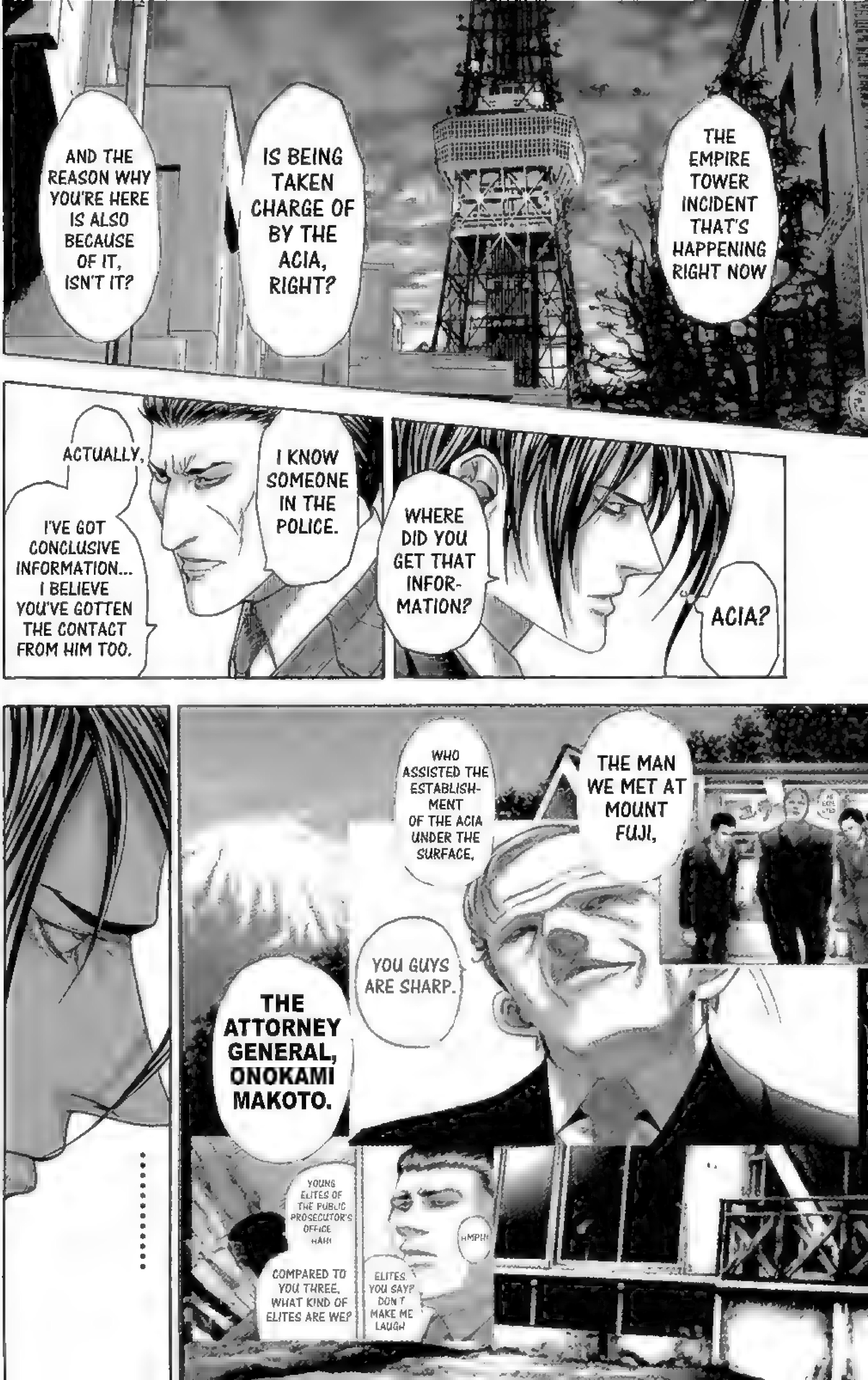
*THE WORD HACHI(蜂) IN HACHINA(蜂名) MEANS "BEE", THE TITLE REFERS TO ITS MEANING.
*THIS MAN FIRST APPEARED IN CH.68, P.6, BUT HIS NAME HASN'T BEEN SHOWN YET.


!
HACHINA...
......
THIS GUY IS...
DEFENSE INTELL
H.Q
JAPAN
WHY DID YOU, WHO BELONGS TO THE *CIRO, COME TO THE MPD?
CIRO?
...WORK APPEARS EVERYWHERE, IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.
AND WHY ARE YOU, WHO BELONGS TO THE *MOD, HERE?
HEY, DON'T EVADE MY QUESTION,
YOU'RE BEING SO COLD.
WELL, I'VE REALIZED MOSTLY EVERYTHING ANYWAY.

*CIRO: CABINET INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH OFFICE

*MOD: MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

*THE BADGE ON HIS TIE IS "DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS(HQ)", IT'S AN ORGANIZATION UNDER THE "MOD".


THE EMPIRE TOWER INCIDENT THAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW
IS BEING TAKEN CHARGE OF BY THE ACIA, RIGHT?
AND THE REASON WHY YOU'RE HERE IS ALSO BECAUSE OF IT, ISN'T IT?
ACIA?
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT INFORMATION?
I KNOW SOMEONE IN THE POLICE.
ACTUALLY,
I'VE GOT CONCLUSIVE INFORMATION... I BELIEVE YOU'VE GOTTEN THE CONTACT FROM HIM TOO.
THE MAN WE MET AT MOUNT FUJI,
WHO ASSISTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ACIA UNDER THE SURFACE,
AS EXPECTED
YOU GUYS ARE SHARP.
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, ONOKAMI MAKOTO.
HMPH!
YOUNG ELITES OF THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAH!
ELITES, YOU SAY? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH
COMPARED TO YOU THREE, WHAT KIND OF ELITES ARE WE?
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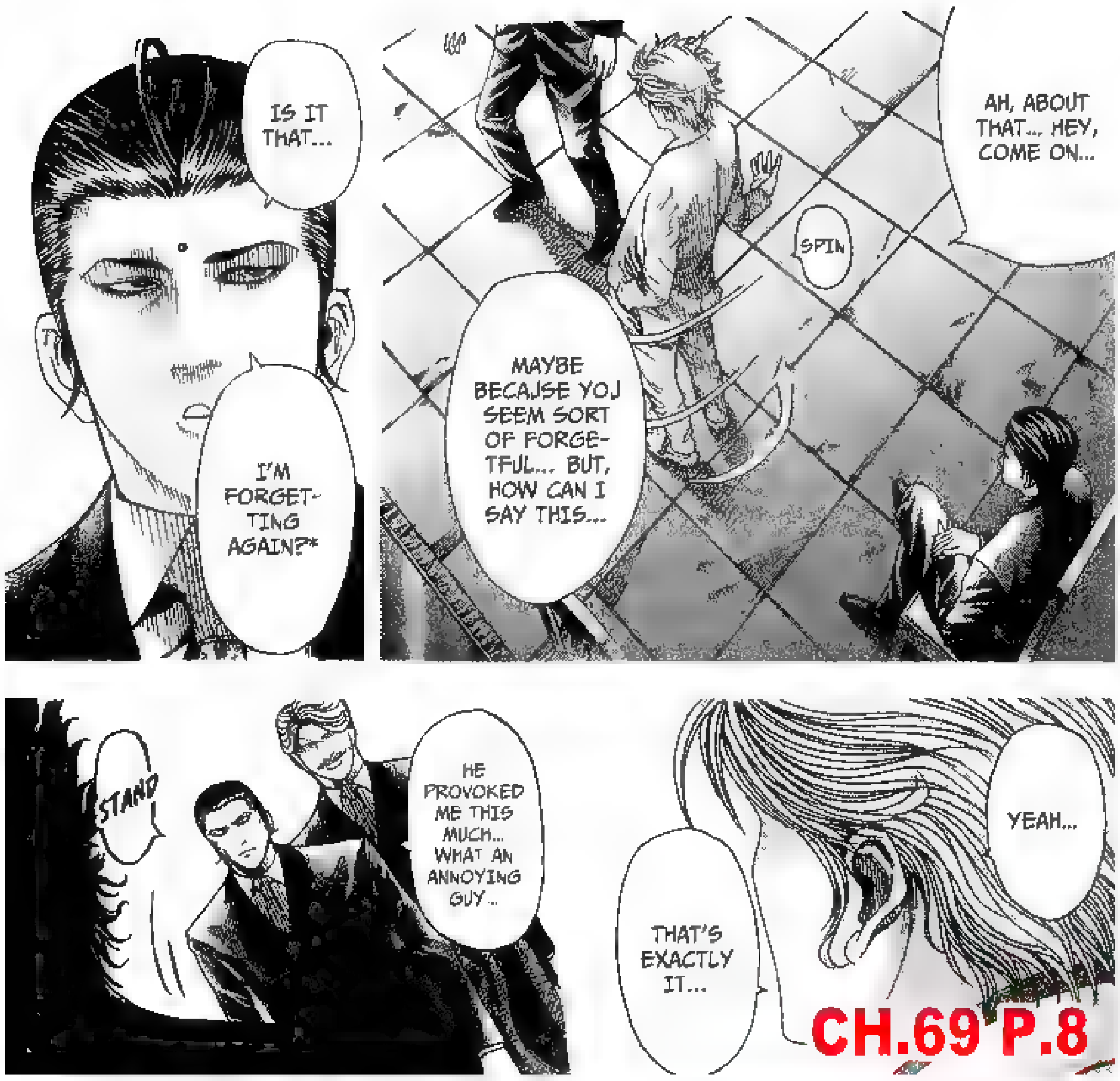
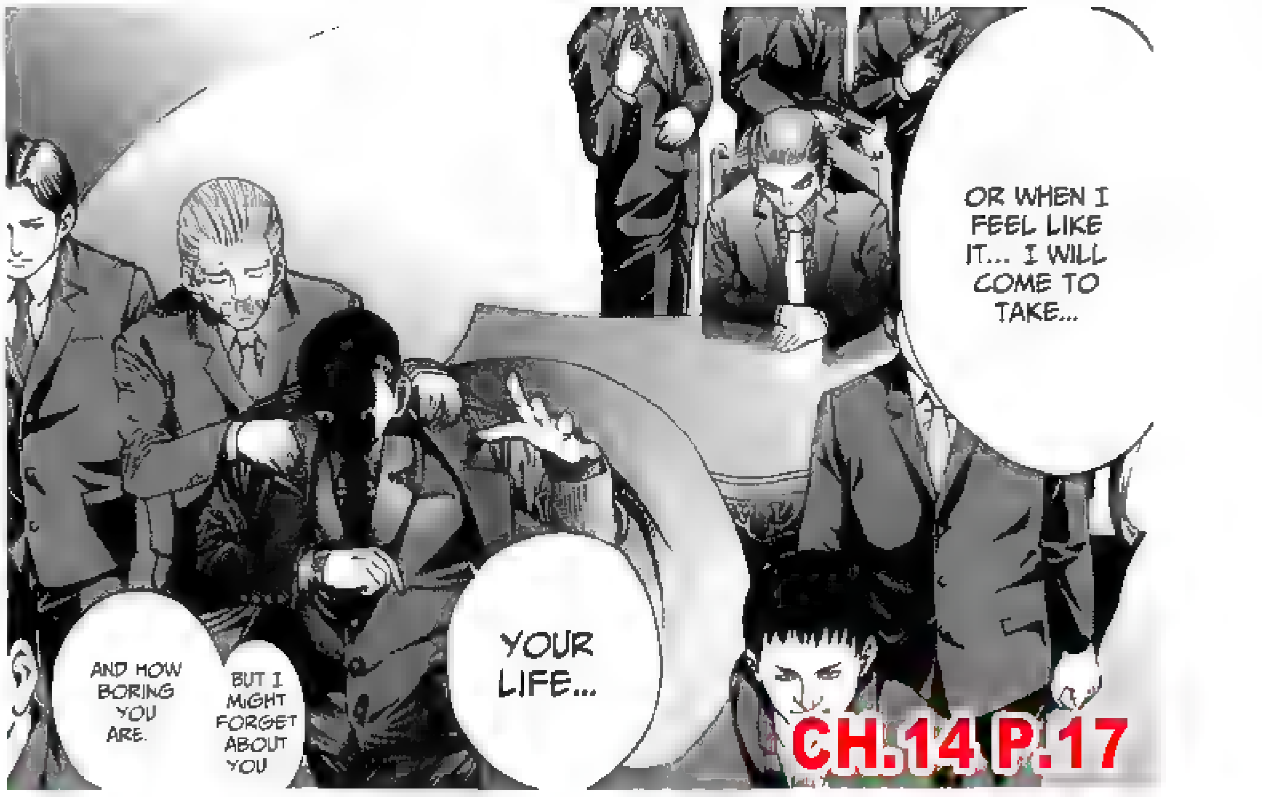
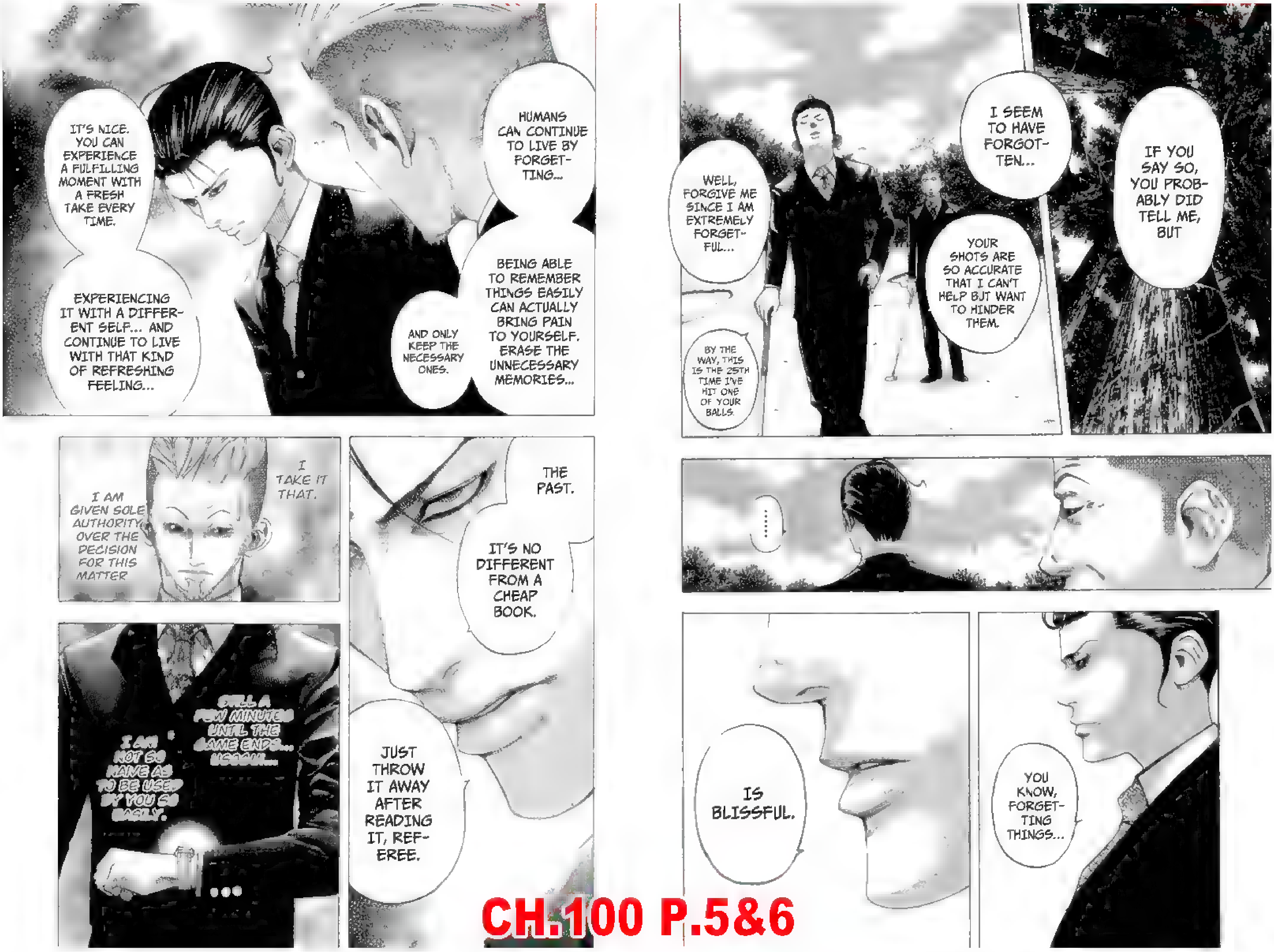
THE FORESHADOWINGS RELATED TO LEADER'S MEMORY LOSS


AH, ABOUT THAT... HEY, COME ON...
SPIN
MAYBE BECAUSE YOU SEEM SORT OF FORGETFUL... BUT, HOW CAN I SAY THIS...
IS IT THAT...
I'M FORGETTING AGAIN?*
YEAH...
THAT'S EXACTLY IT...
HE PROVOKED ME THIS MUCH... WHAT AN ANNOYING GUY..
STAND

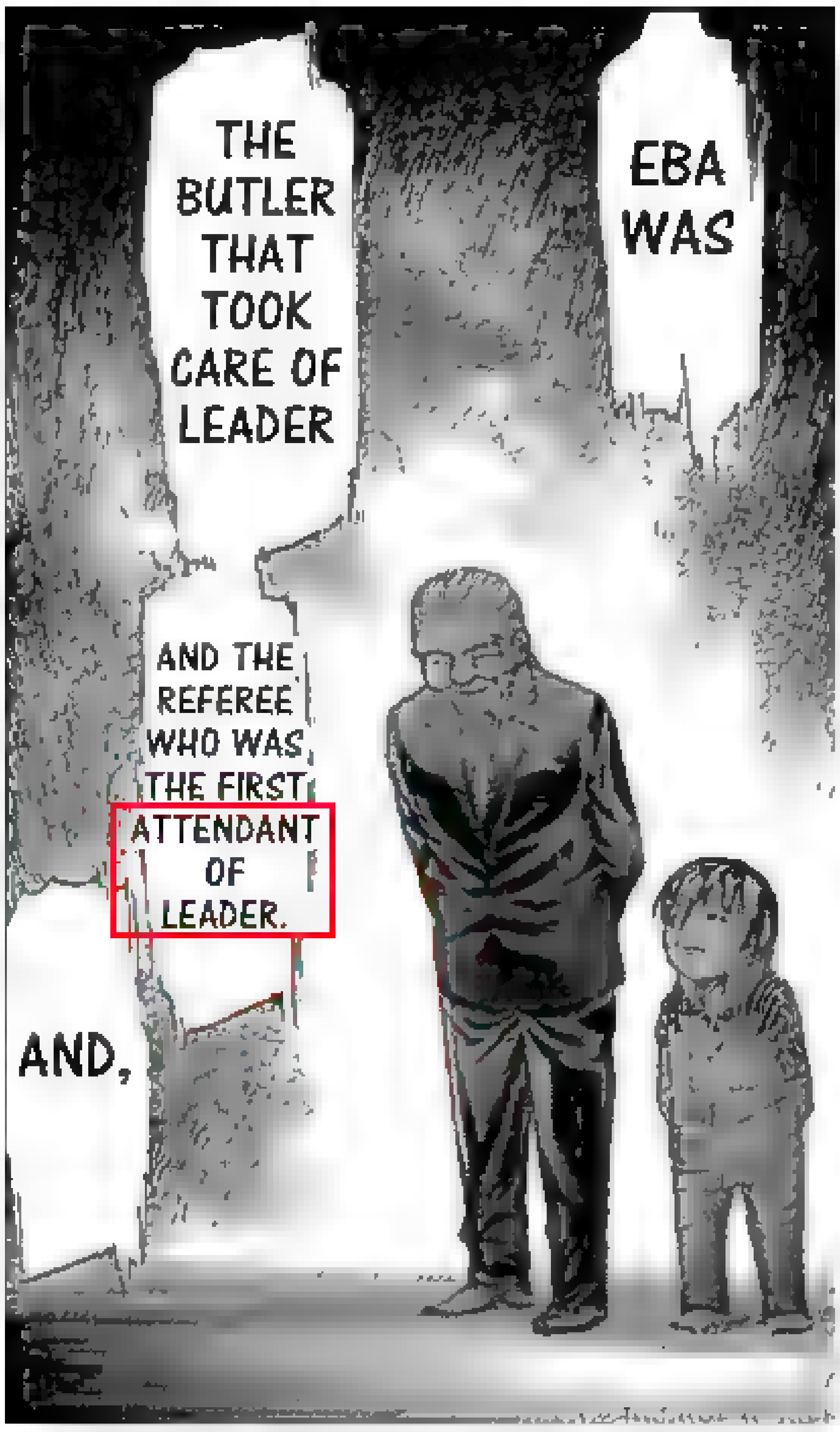
CH.69 P.8


OR WHEN I FEEL LIKE IT... I WILL COME TO TAKE...
YOUR LIFE...
BUT I MIGHT FORGET ABOUT YOU
AND HOW BORING YOU ARE.

CH.14 P.17


IF YOU SAY SO, YOU PROBABLY DID TELL ME, BUT
I SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN...
WELL, FORGIVE ME SINCE I AM EXTREMELY FORGETFUL...
YOUR SHOTS ARE SO ACCURATE THAT I CAN'T HELP BUT WANT TO HINDER THEM.
BY THE WAY, THIS IS THE 25TH TIME I'VE HIT ONE OF YOUR BALLS.
......
YOU KNOW, FORGETTING THINGS...
IS BLISSFUL.
HUMANS CAN CONTINUE TO LIVE BY FORGETTING...
IT'S NICE. YOU CAN EXPERIENCE A FULFILLING MOMENT WITH A FRESH TAKE EVERY TIME.
BEING ABLE TO REMEMBER THINGS EASILY CAN ACTUALLY BRING PAIN TO YOURSELF. ERASE THE UNNECESSARY MEMORIES...
AND ONLY KEEP THE NECESSARY ONES.
EXPERIENCING IT WITH A DIFFERENT SELF... AND CONTINUE TO LIVE WITH THAT KIND OF REFRESHING FEELING...
I TAKE IT THAT.
I AM GIVEN SOLE AUTHORITY OVER THE DECISION FOR THIS MATTER
THE PAST.
IT'S NO DIFFERENT FROM A CHEAP BOOK.
STILL A FEW MINUTES UNTIL THE GAME ENDS... HEEEH...
I AM NOT SO NAIVE AS TO BE USED BY YOU SO EASILY.
JUST THROW IT AWAY AFTER READING IT, REFEREE.

CH.100 P.5&6

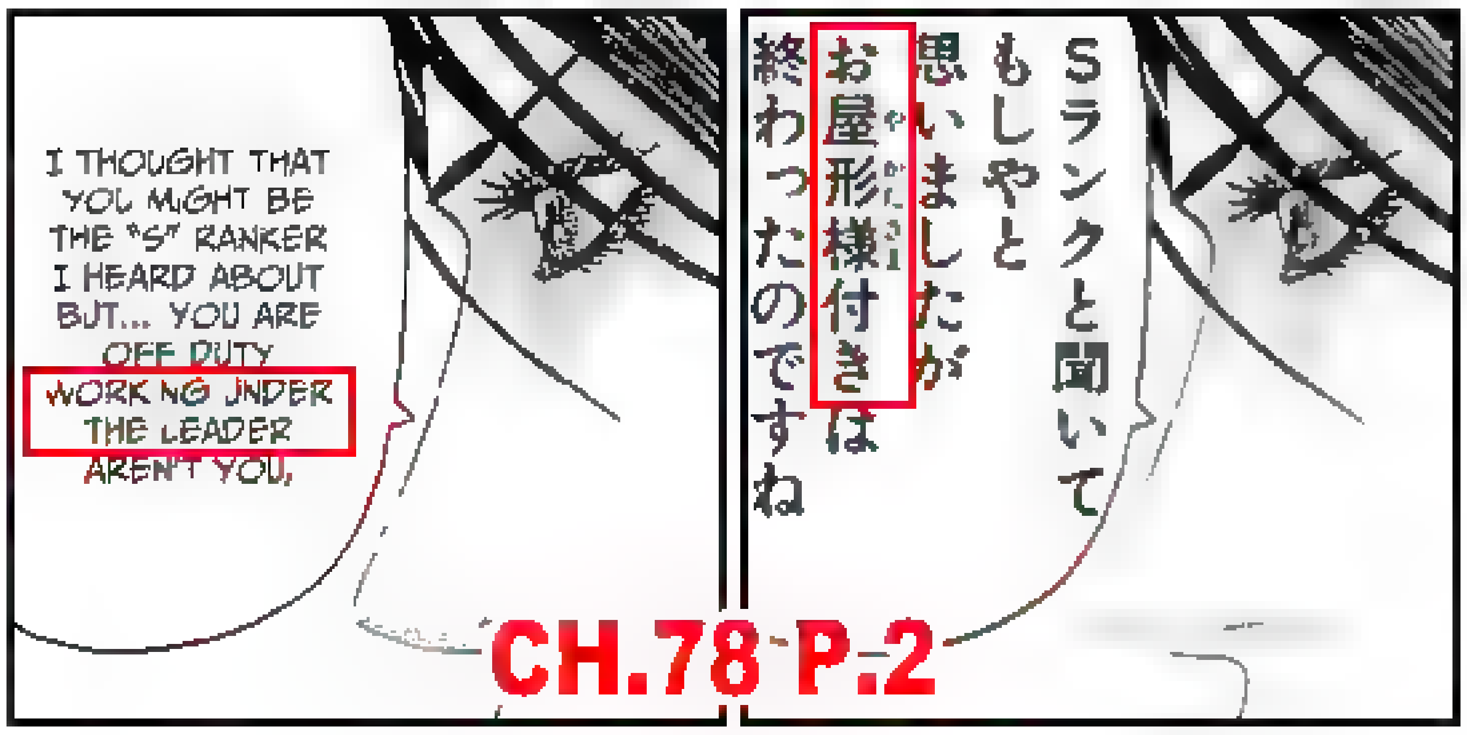

EBA WAS
THE BUTLER THAT TOOK CARE OF LEADER
AND THE REFEREE WHO WAS THE FIRST ATTENDANT OF LEADER.
AND,

お屋形様付き

WHAT IS "ATTENDANT OF LEADER"?

IT'S A TERM MADE UP OF THE WORDS "お屋形様(LEADER)" AND "付き(ATTENDANT)".
IT'S A POSITION IN KAKEROU; THE CURRENT ATTENDANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALWAYS BEING AROUND LEADER.

THE FIRST TIME THIS TERM APPEARED WAS IN CH.78 P.2, BUT THE PREVIOUS TEAM DIDN'T TRANSLATE IT AS A TERM.


Sランクと聞いて もしやと 思いましたが お屋形様付きは 終わったのですね
I THOUGHT THAT YOU MIGHT BE THE "S" RANKER I HEARD ABOUT BUT... YOU ARE OFF DUTY WORKING UNDER THE LEADER AREN'T YOU.
CH.78 P.2

THE ATTENDANTS:

EBA

YAKOU HIKOICHI

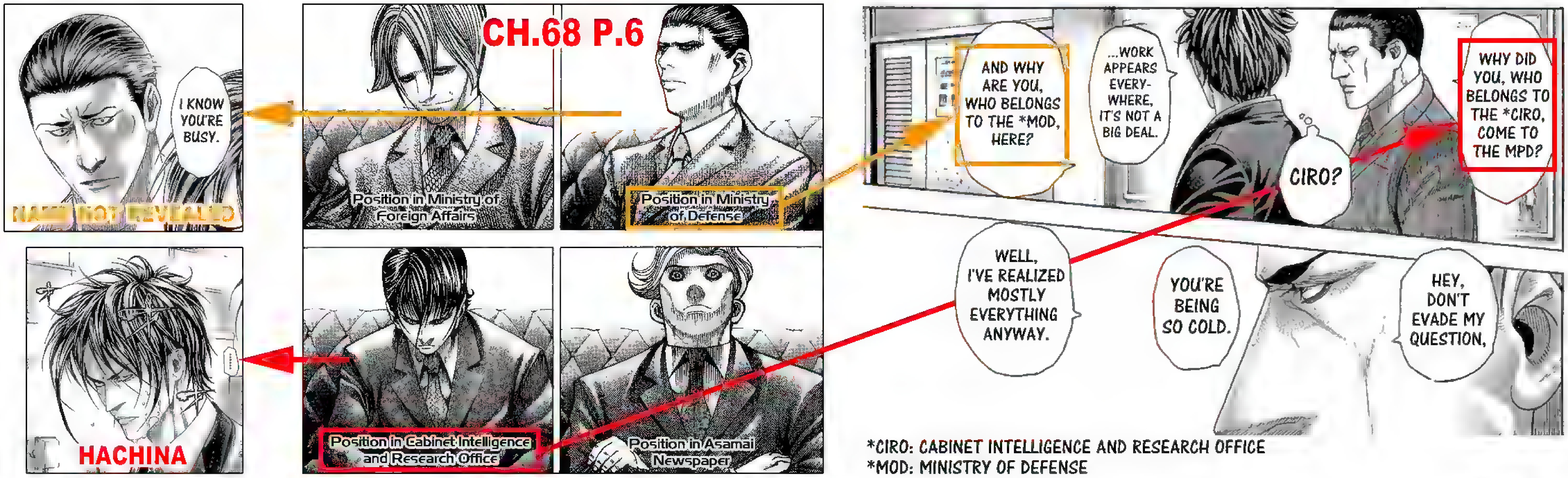
mumble
NICE TO MEET YOU... HMM...
SO... YOU ARE BAKU-KUN.
CH.14 P.11

YAKOU JOUICHI

TOUYA MASATERU

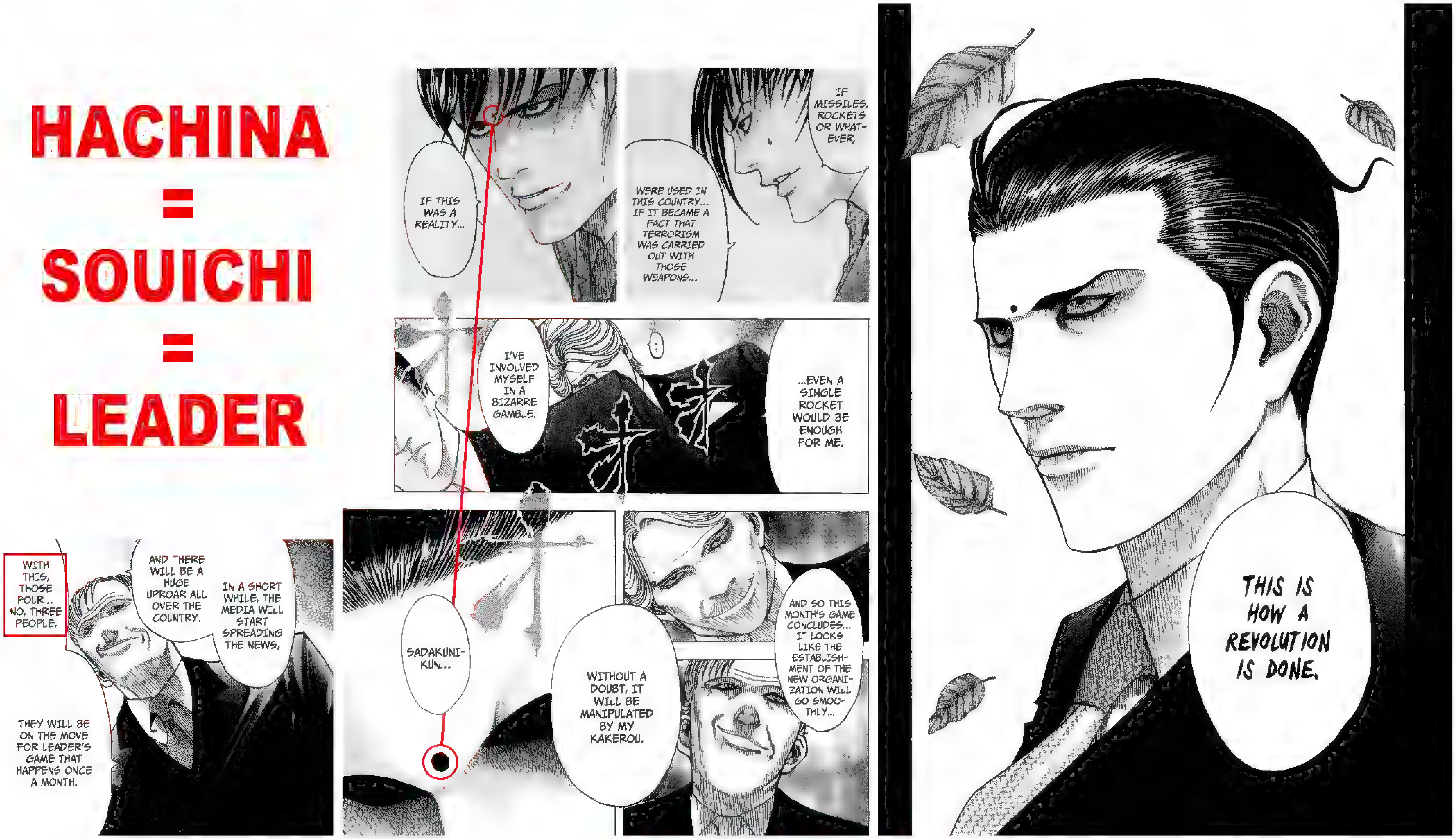
......
HOW MANY TIMES HAS IT BEEN NOW... EVEN AFTER I HAVE TOLD YOU TO STOP. AND YET,
CH.100 P.2

SOUICHI'S PUBLIC PERSONA, HACHINA

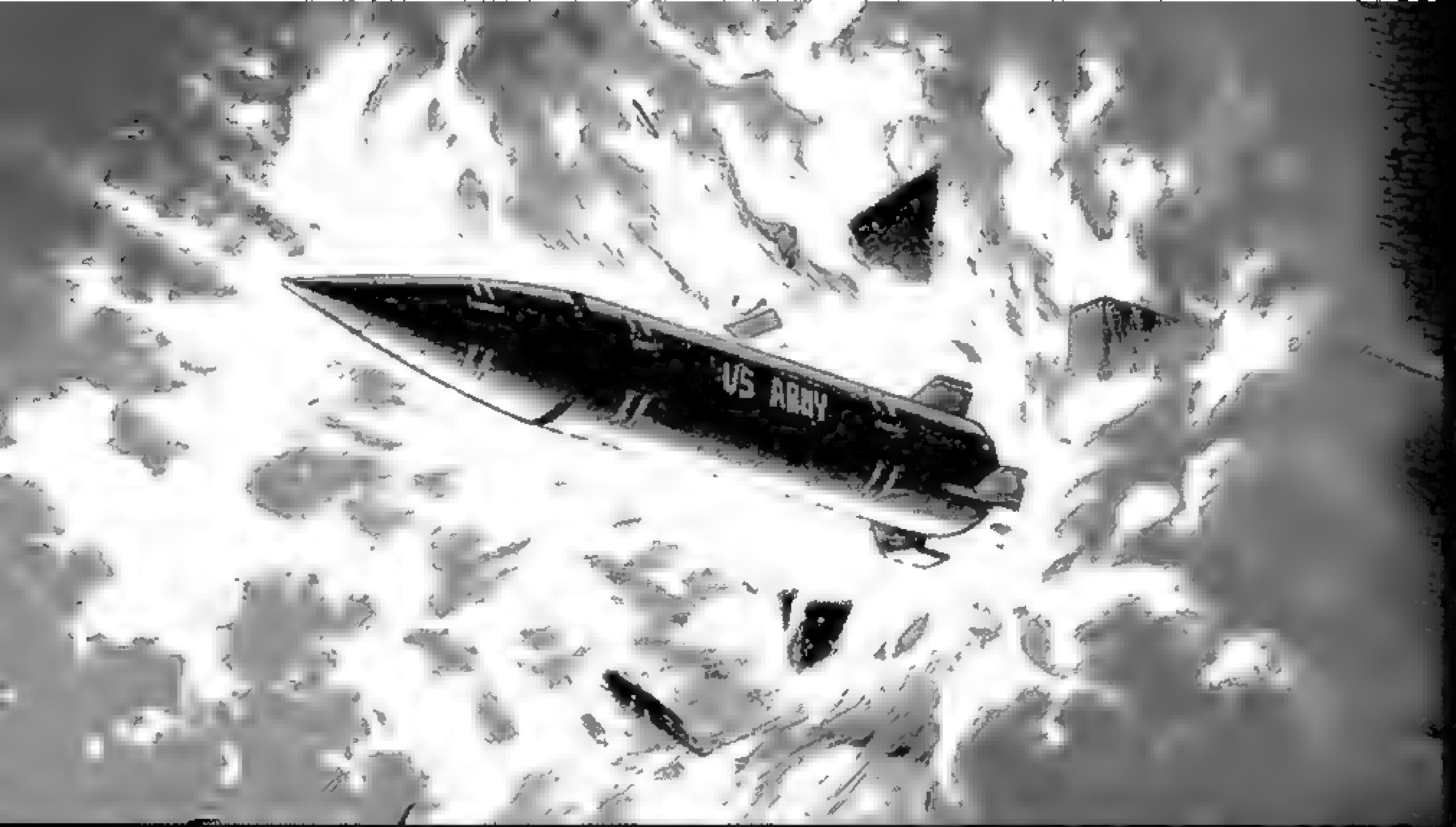

CH.68 P.6
I KNOW YOU'RE BUSY.
NAME NOT REVEALED
HACHINA
Position in Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Position in Ministry of Defense
Position in Cabinet Intelligence and Research Office
Position in Asamai Newspaper
WHY DID YOU, WHO BELONGS TO THE *CIRO, COME TO THE MPD?
CIRO?
...WORK APPEARS EVERYWHERE, IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.
AND WHY ARE YOU, WHO BELONGS TO THE *MOD, HERE?
HEY, DON'T EVADE MY QUESTION.
YOU'RE BEING SO COLD.
WELL, I'VE REALIZED MOSTLY EVERYTHING ANYWAY.

*CIRO: CABINET INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH OFFICE
*MOD: MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

HACHINA
=
SOUICHI
=
LEADER

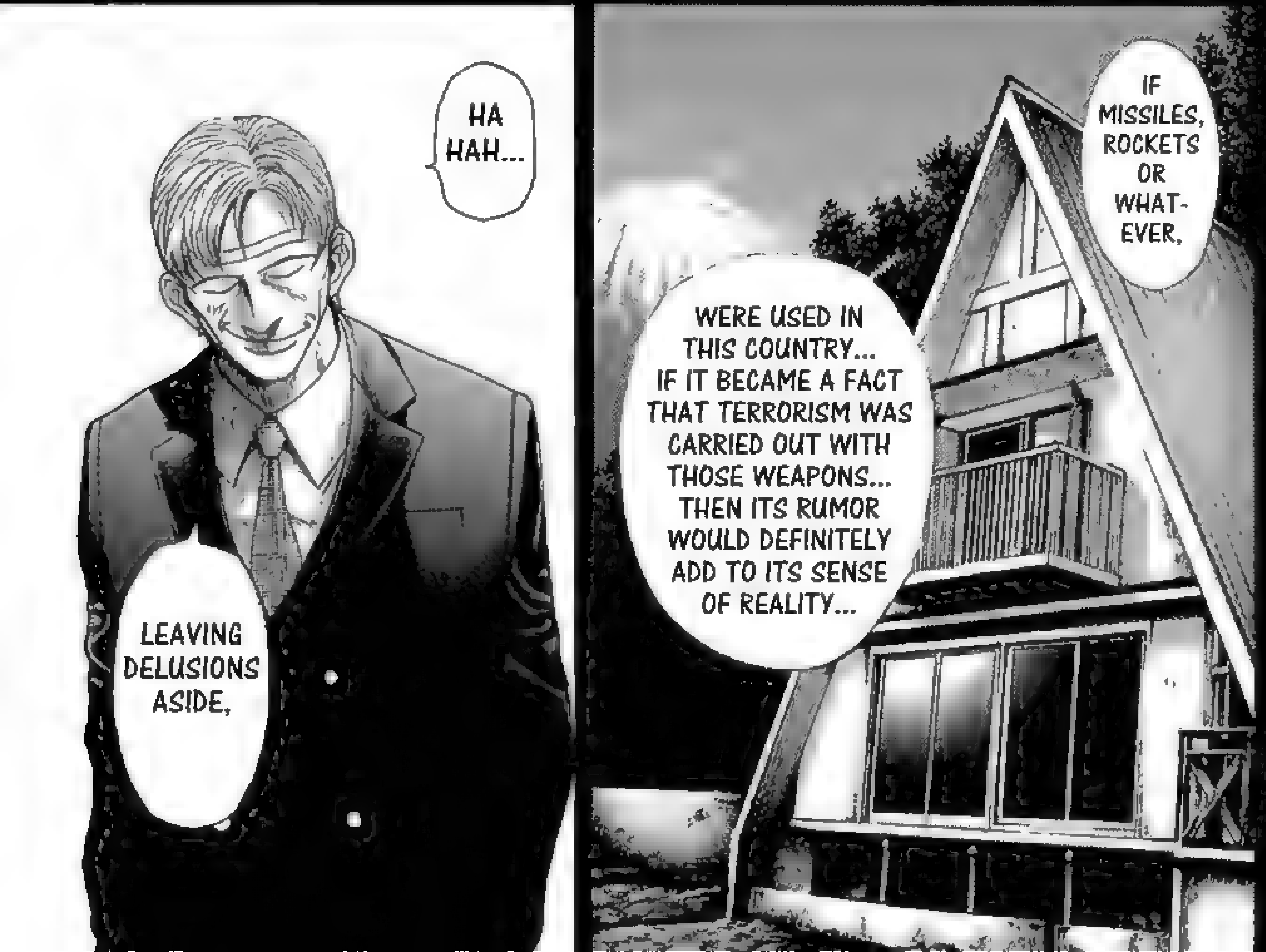

THIS IS HOW A REVOLUTION IS DONE.
IF MISSILES, ROCKETS OR WHATEVER,
WERE USED IN THIS COUNTRY... IF IT BECAME A FACT THAT TERRORISM WAS CARRIED OUT WITH THOSE WEAPONS...
IF THIS WAS A REALITY...
...EVEN A SINGLE ROCKET WOULD BE ENOUGH FOR ME.
I'VE INVOLVED MYSELF IN A BIZARRE GAMBLE.
AND SO THIS MONTH'S GAME CONCLUDES... IT LOOKS LIKE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION WILL GO SMOOTHLY...
WITHOUT A DOUBT, IT WILL BE MANIPULATED BY MY KAKEROU.
SADAKUNI-KUN...
IN A SHORT WHILE, THE MEDIA WILL START SPREADING THE NEWS.
AND THERE WILL BE A HUGE UPROAR ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.
WITH THIS, THOSE FOUR.. NO, THREE PEOPLE.
THEY WILL BE ON THE MOVE FOR LEADER'S GAME THAT HAPPENS ONCE A MONTH.

CH.68 P.16~18

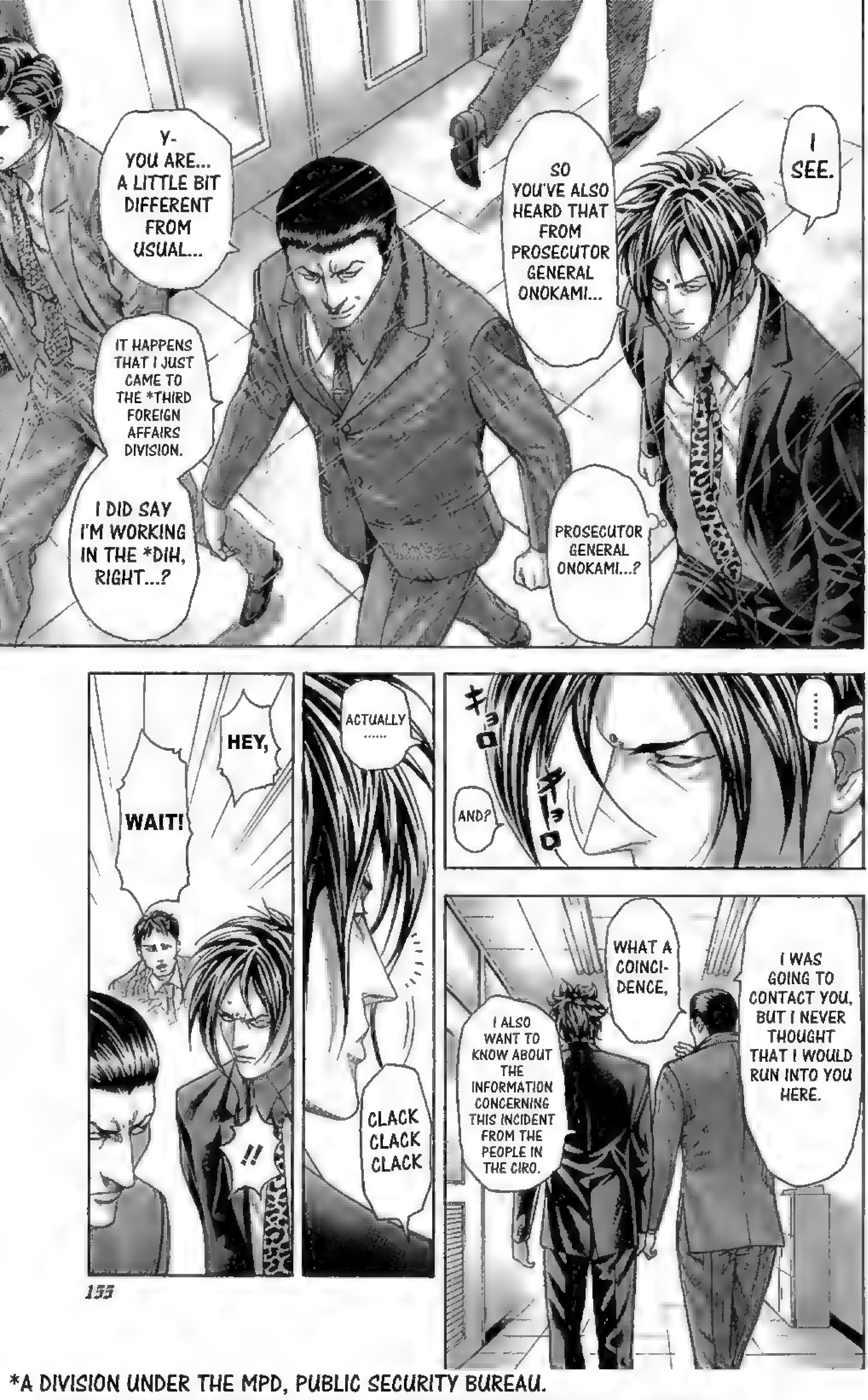


CHAPTER 272

THE PEOPLE WHO LEAVE WILL FORGET


IF MISSILES, ROCKETS OR WHAT-EVER,
WERE USED IN THIS COUNTRY... IF IT BECAME A FACT THAT TERRORISM WAS CARRIED OUT WITH THOSE WEAPONS... THEN ITS RUMOR WOULD DEFINITELY ADD TO ITS SENSE OF REALITY...
HA HAH...
LEAVING DELUSIONS ASIDE,

IF THE PREPARATIONS ARE FURTHER PERFECTED,
THE FOUR OF YOU WILL JOIN THIS... RIGHT?


I SEE.
SO YOU'VE ALSO HEARD THAT FROM PROSECUTOR GENERAL ONOKAMI...
Y- YOU ARE... A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT FROM USUAL...
PROSECUTOR GENERAL ONOKAMI...?
IT HAPPENS THAT I JUST CAME TO THE *THIRD FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIVISION.
I DID SAY I'M WORKING IN THE *DIH, RIGHT...?
......
キョロ キョロ
AND?
I WAS GOING TO CONTACT YOU, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT THAT I WOULD RUN INTO YOU HERE.
WHAT A COINCIDENCE,
I ALSO WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS INCIDENT FROM THE PEOPLE IN THE CIRO.
ACTUALLY ......
CLACK CLACK CLACK
HEY,
WAIT!
!!

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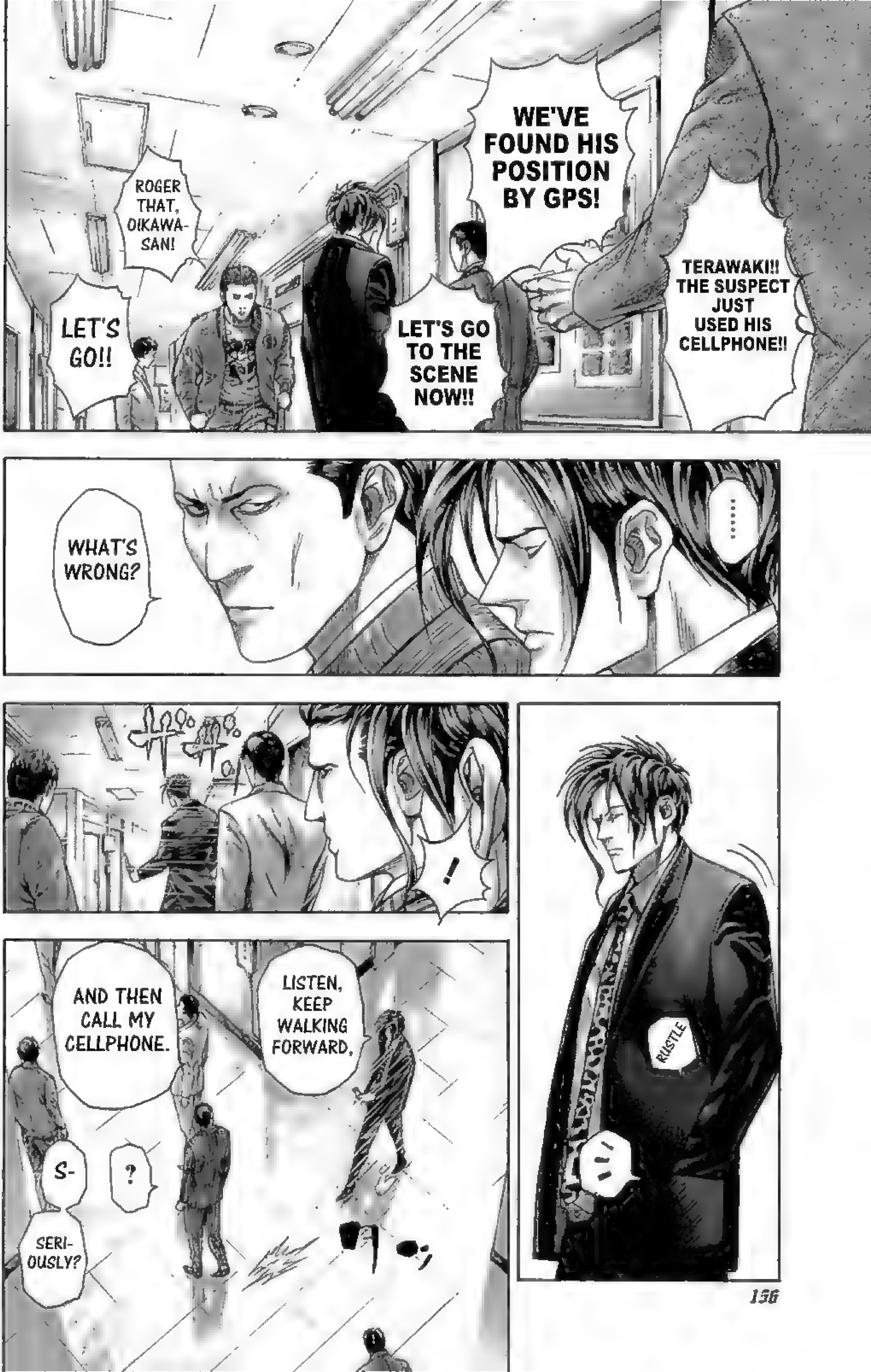
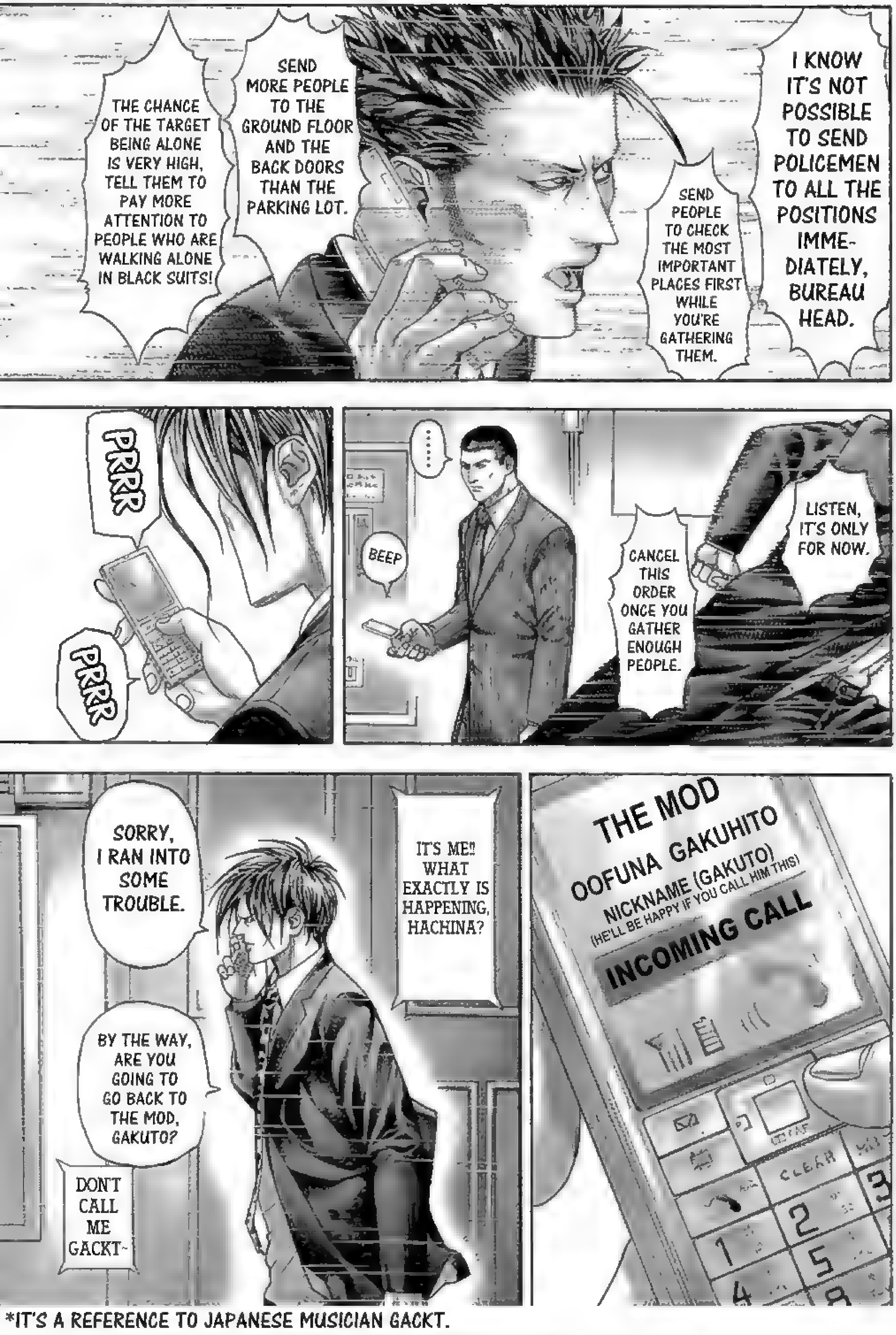
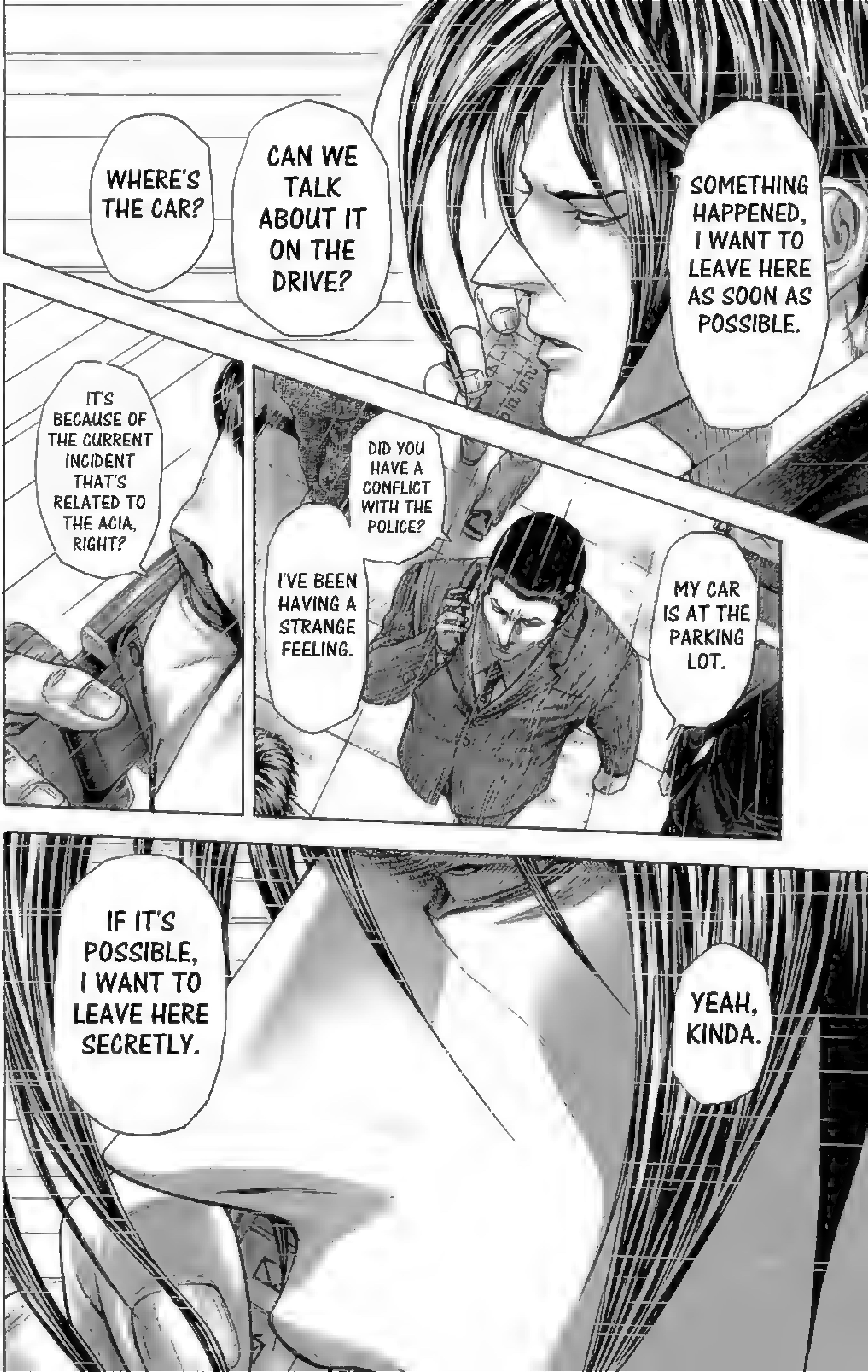
*A DIVISION UNDER THE MPD, PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU.
ITS MANDATE IS ANTI-MIDDLE EAST ESPIONAGE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM.

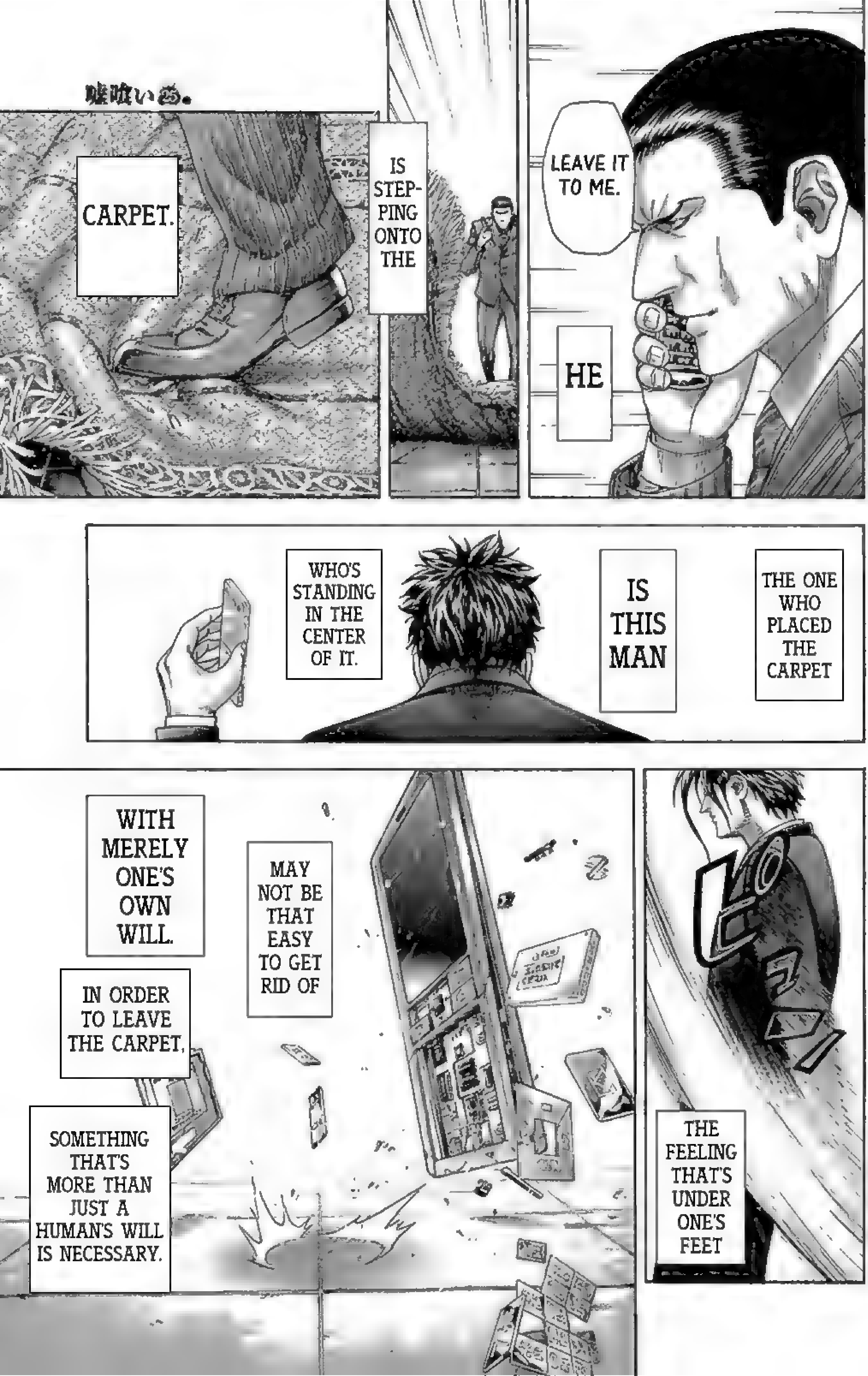
*DIH: DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS.

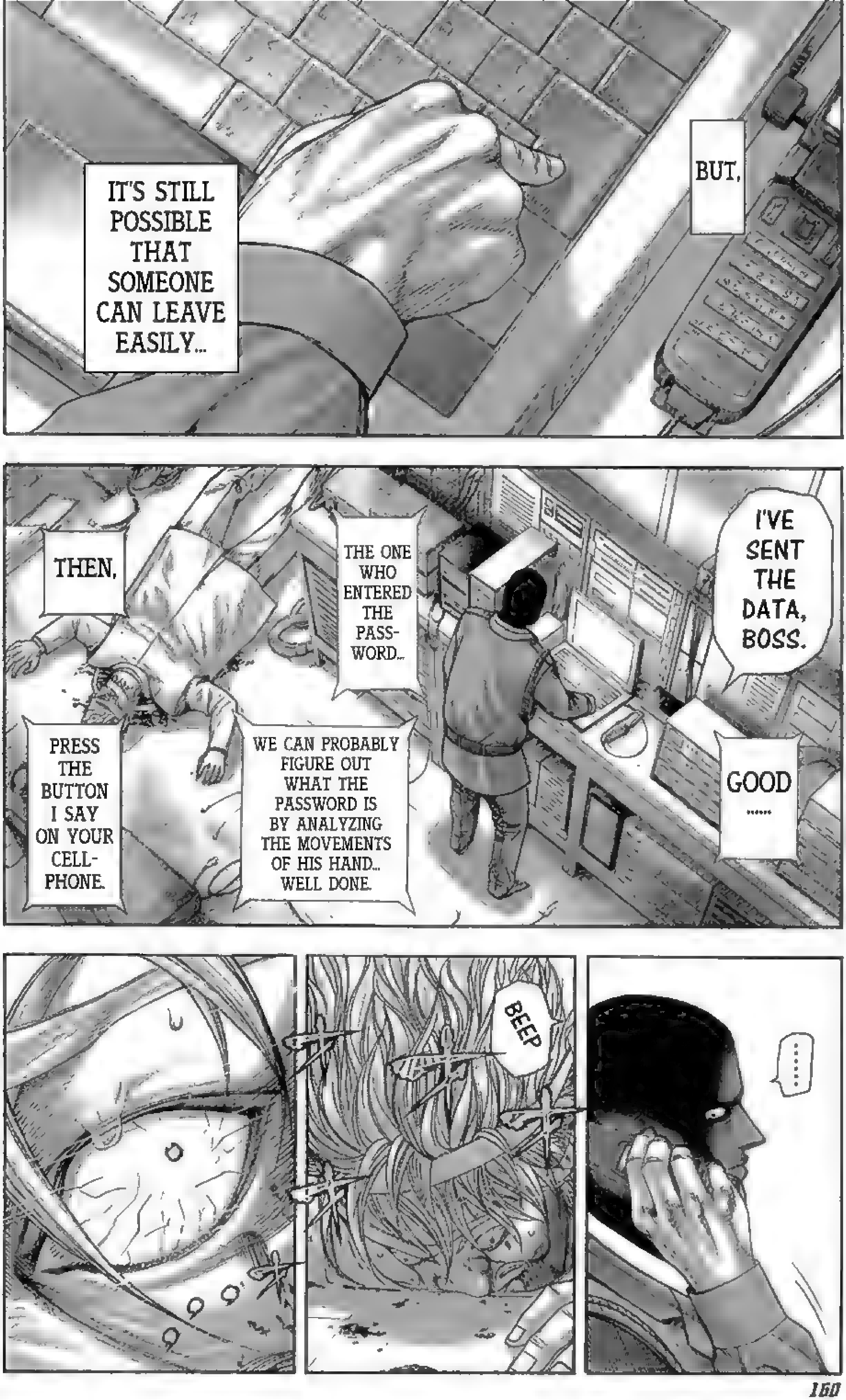

TERAWAKI!! THE SUSPECT JUST USED HIS CELLPHONE!!
WE'VE FOUND HIS POSITION BY GPS!
LET'S GO TO THE SCENE NOW!!
ROGER THAT, OIKAWA-SAN!
LET'S GO!!
......
WHAT'S WRONG?
!
RUSTLE
!
LISTEN, KEEP WALKING FORWARD,
AND THEN CALL MY CELLPHONE.
?
S-
SERIOUSLY?

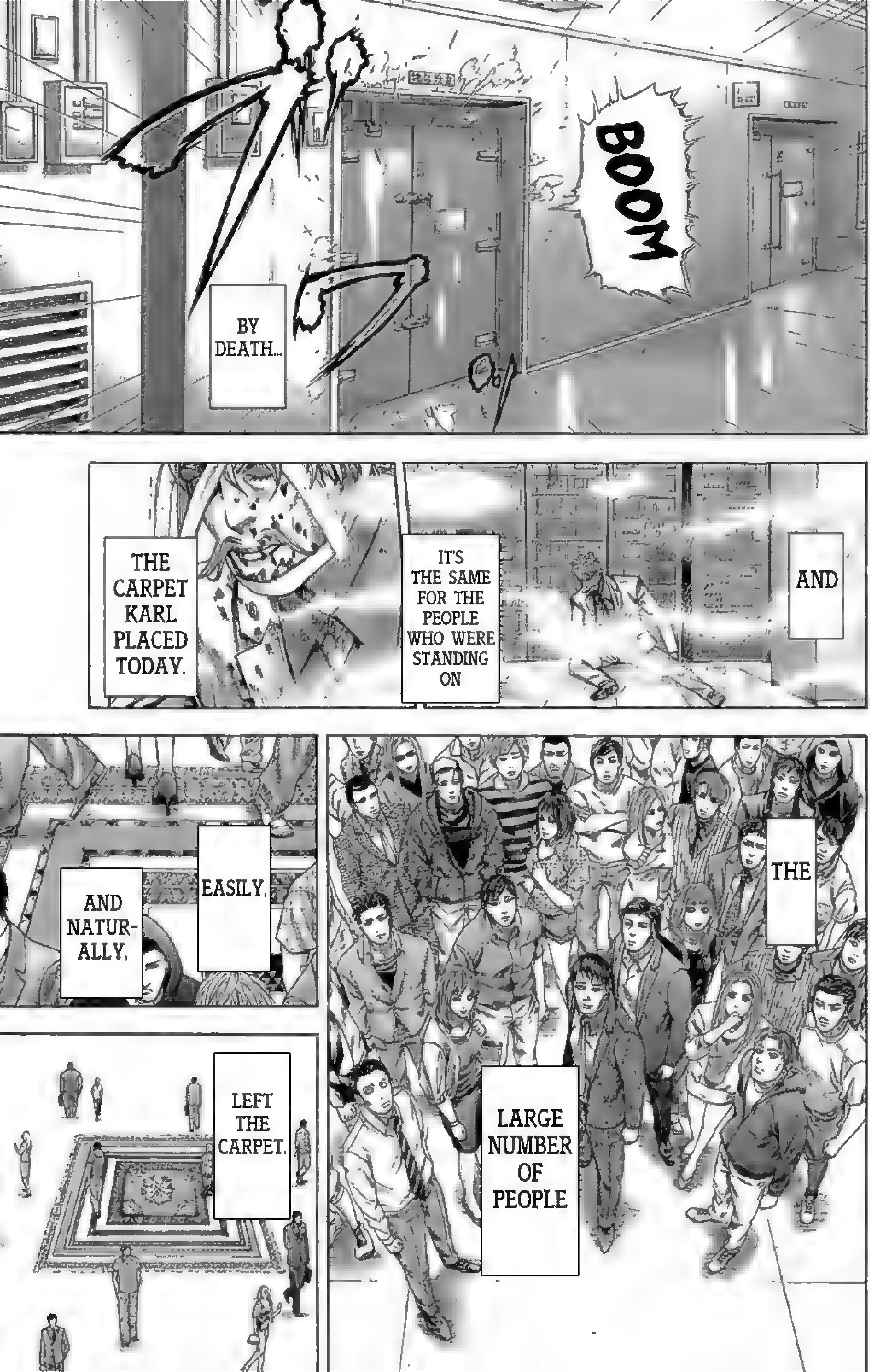

I KNOW IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO SEND POLICEMEN TO ALL THE POSITIONS IMMEDIATELY, BUREAU HEAD.
SEND PEOPLE TO CHECK THE MOST IMPORTANT PLACES FIRST WHILE YOU'RE GATHERING THEM.
SEND MORE PEOPLE TO THE GROUND FLOOR AND THE BACK DOORS THAN THE PARKING LOT.
THE CHANCE OF THE TARGET BEING ALONE IS VERY HIGH, TELL THEM TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO PEOPLE WHO ARE WALKING ALONE IN BLACK SUITS!
LISTEN, IT'S ONLY FOR NOW.
CANCEL THIS ORDER ONCE YOU GATHER ENOUGH PEOPLE.
BEEP
……
PRRR
PRRR
THE MOD
OOFUNA GAKUHITO
NICKNAME (GAKUTO)
(HE'LL BE HAPPY IF YOU CALL HIM THIS)
INCOMING CALL
CLEAR
IT'S ME!! WHAT EXACTLY IS HAPPENING, HACHINA?
SORRY, I RAN INTO SOME TROUBLE.
BY THE WAY, ARE YOU GOING TO GO BACK TO THE MOD, GAKUTO?
DONT CALL ME GACKT~

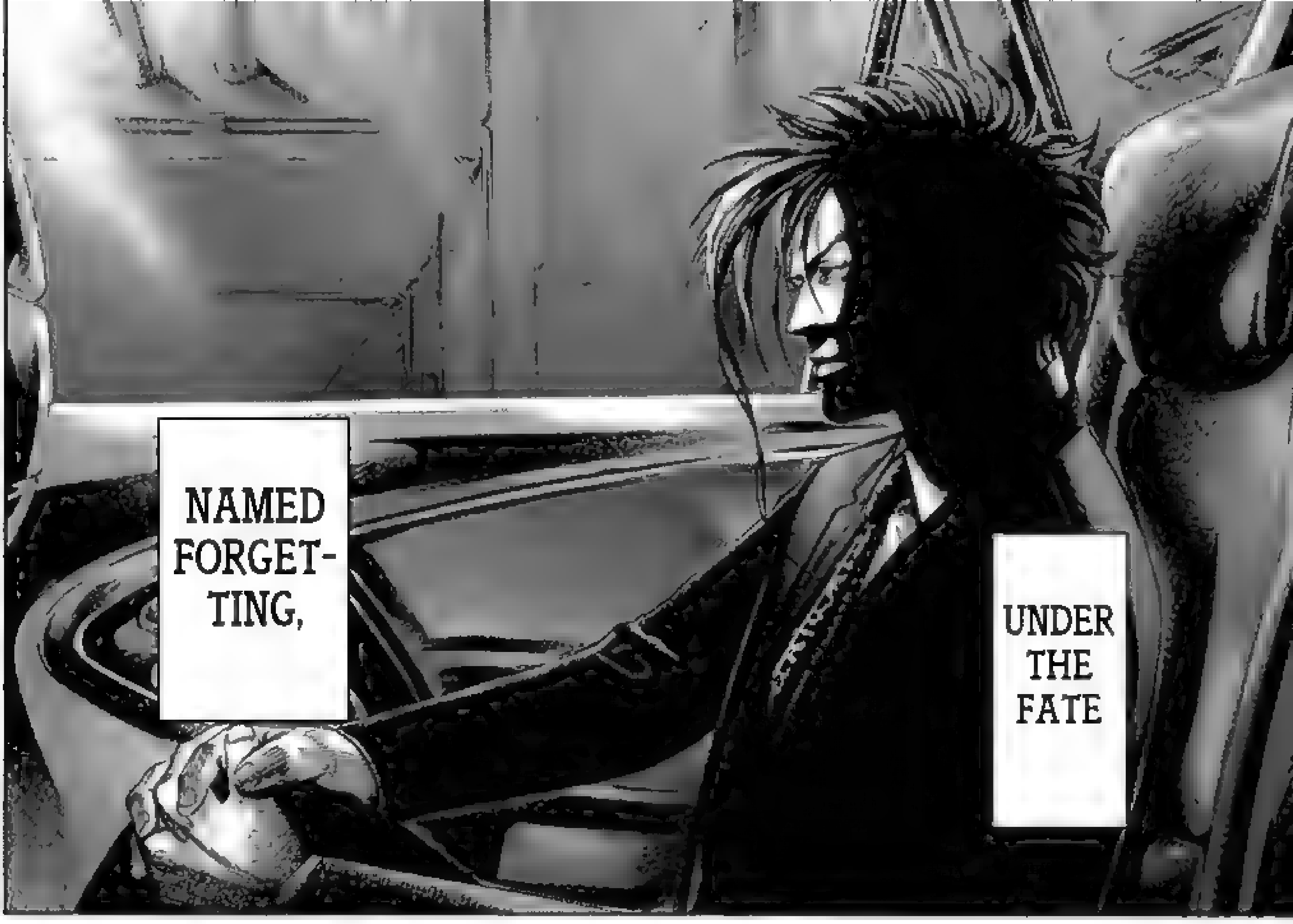
*IT'S A REFERENCE TO JAPANESE MUSICIAN GACKT.
"GACKT" IS AN ENGLISH CONVERSION OF THE JAPANESE NAME "GAKUTO".
HACHINA DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THE NICKNAME WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IN ENGLISH,
BECAUSE IT WAS SAVED ON HIS PHONE IN JAPANESE AS "ガクト"(GAKUTO).


SOMETHING HAPPENED, I WANT TO LEAVE HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
CAN WE TALK ABOUT IT ON THE DRIVE?
WHERE'S THE CAR?
MY CAR IS AT THE PARKING LOT.
DID YOU HAVE A CONFLICT WITH THE POLICE?
I'VE BEEN HAVING A STRANGE FEELING.
IT'S BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT INCIDENT THAT'S RELATED TO THE ACIA, RIGHT?
YEAH, KINDA.
IF IT'S POSSIBLE, I WANT TO LEAVE HERE SECRETLY.

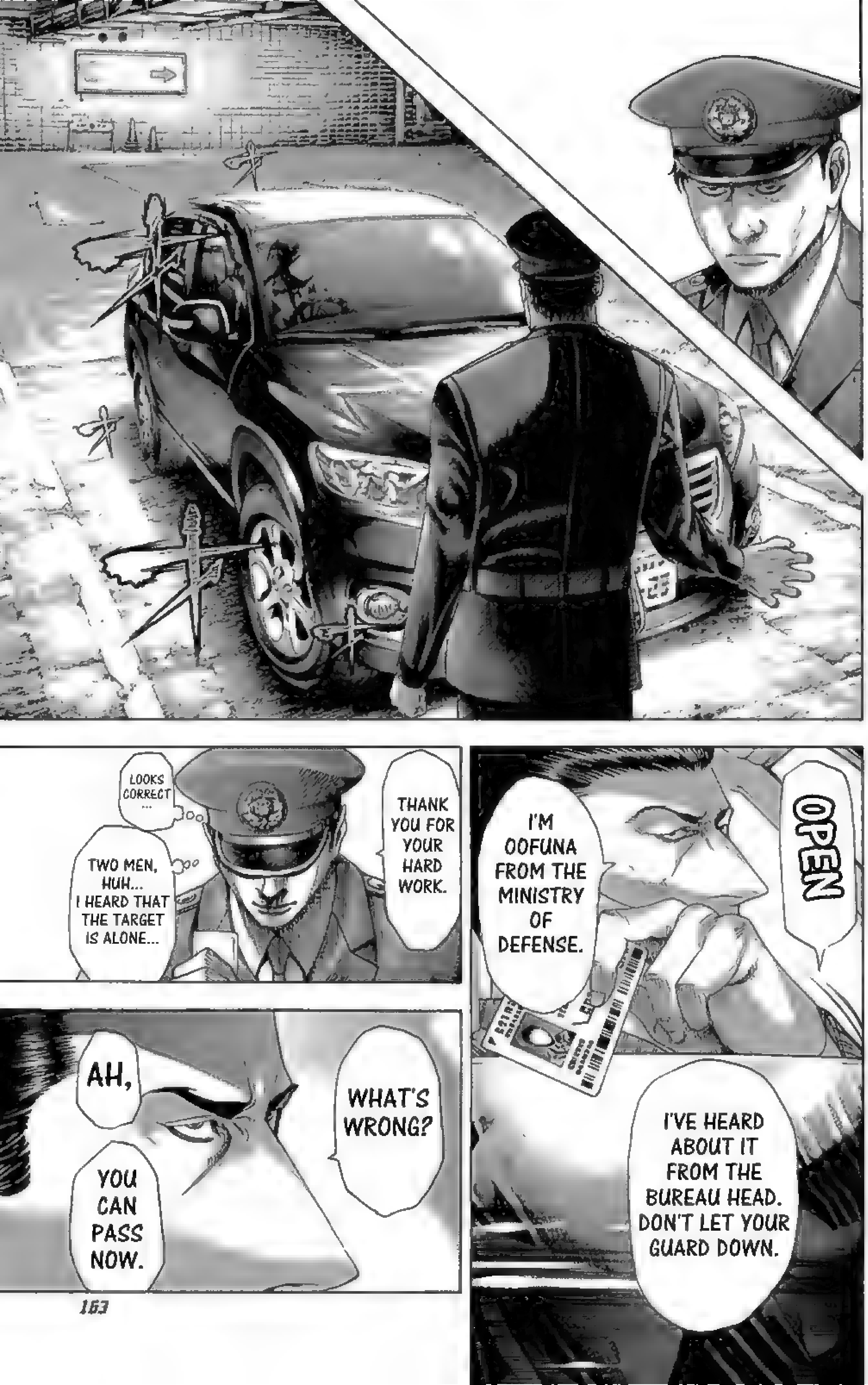

LEAVE IT TO ME.
HE
IS STEPPING ONTO THE
CARPET.
THE ONE WHO PLACED THE CARPET
IS THIS MAN
WHO'S STANDING IN THE CENTER OF IT.
THE FEELING THAT'S UNDER ONE'S FEET
MAY NOT BE THAT EASY TO GET RID OF
WITH MERELY ONE'S OWN WILL.
IN ORDER TO LEAVE THE CARPET,
SOMETHING THAT'S MORE THAN JUST A HUMAN'S WILL IS NECESSARY.

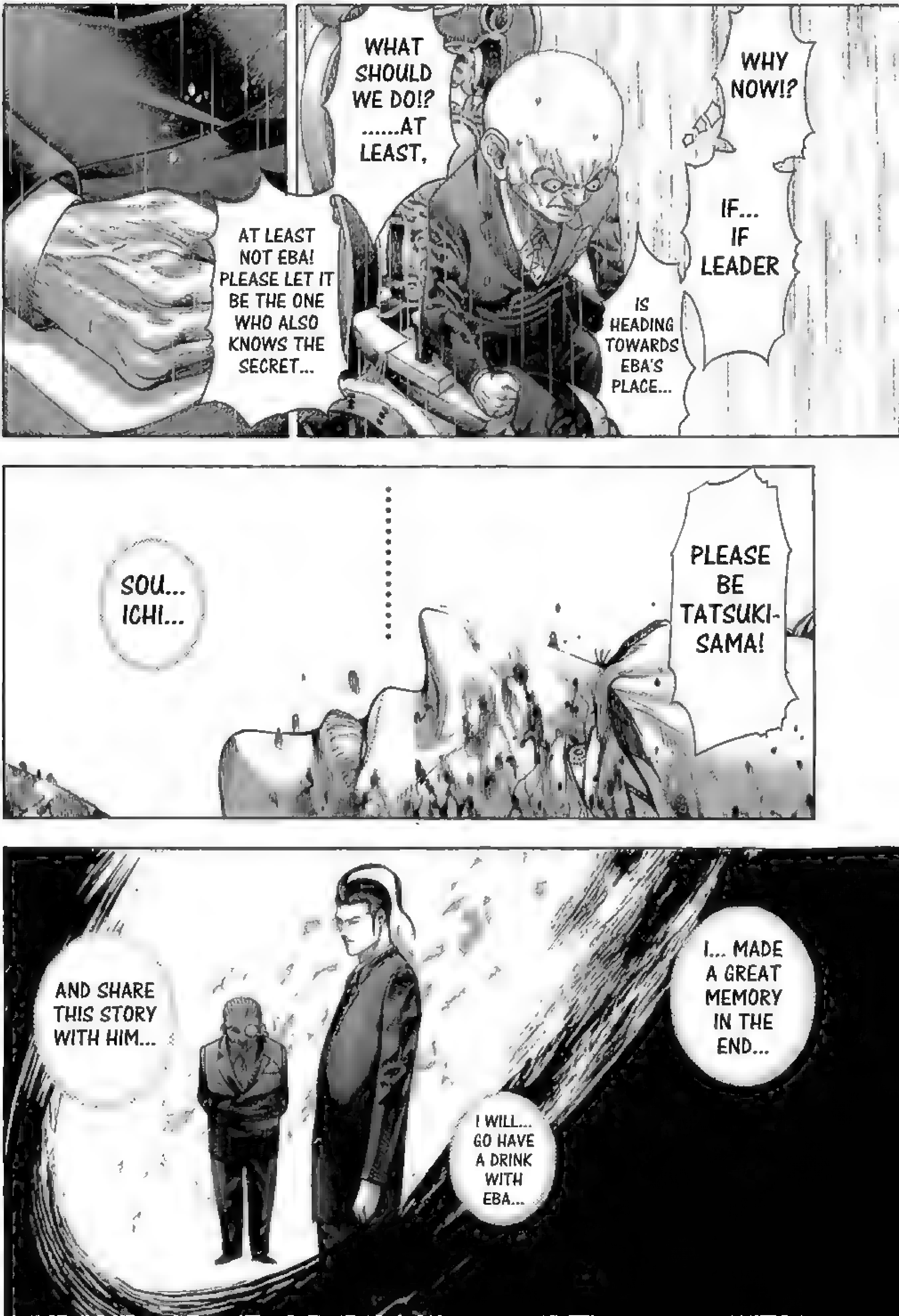

IT'S STILL POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE CAN LEAVE EASILY...
BUT,
THEN,
PRESS THE BUTTON I SAY ON YOUR CELL-PHONE.
THE ONE WHO ENTERED THE PASS-WORD...
WE CAN PROBABLY FIGURE OUT WHAT THE PASSWORD IS BY ANALYZING THE MOVEMENTS OF HIS HAND... WELL DONE.
I'VE SENT THE DATA, BOSS.
GOOD ......
BEEP
......

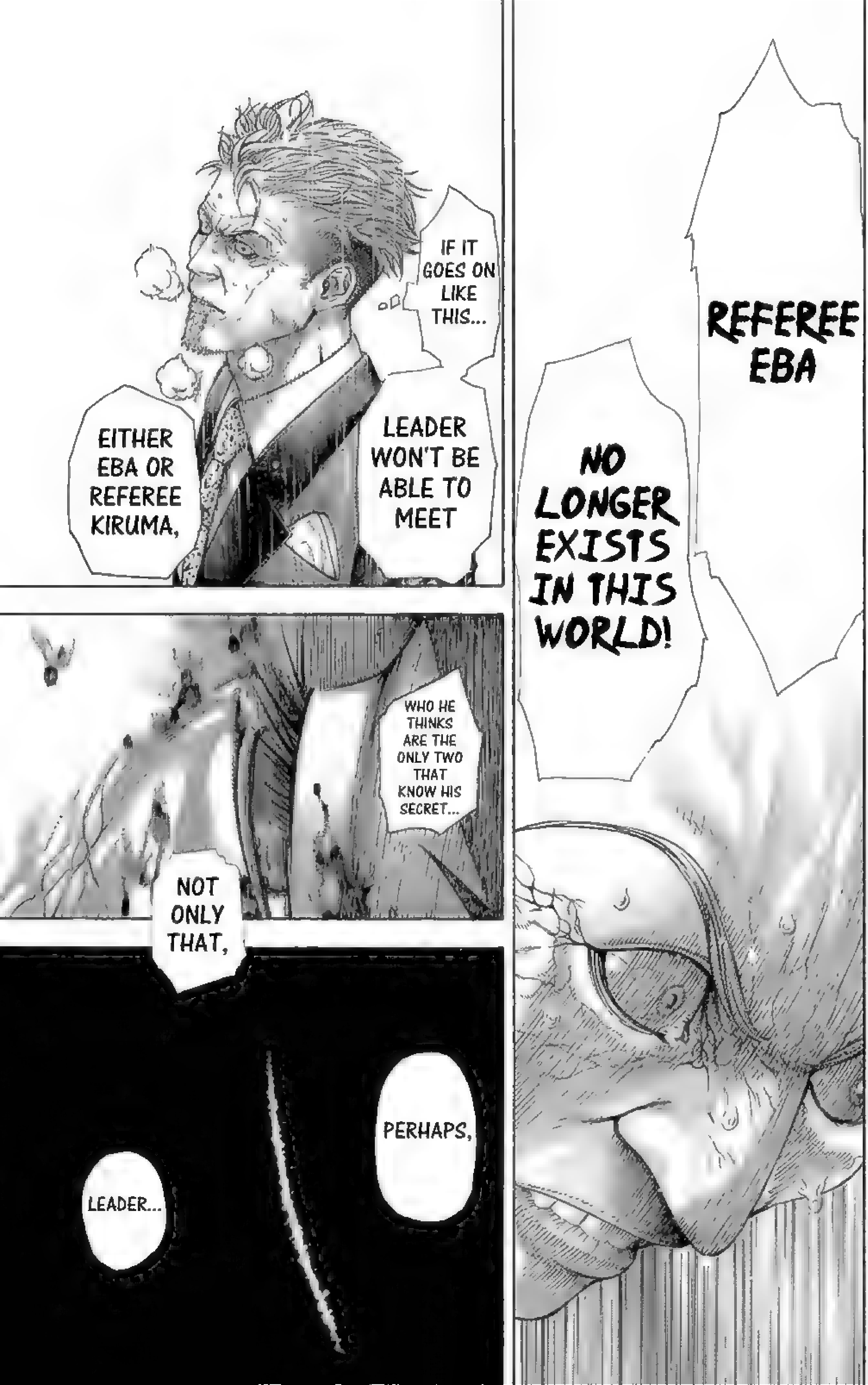

BOOM
BY DEATH...
AND
IT'S THE SAME FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WERE STANDING ON
THE CARPET KARL PLACED TODAY.
THE
LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
EASILY,
AND NATURALLY,
LEFT THE CARPET.


UNDER THE FATE
NAMED FORGETTING,

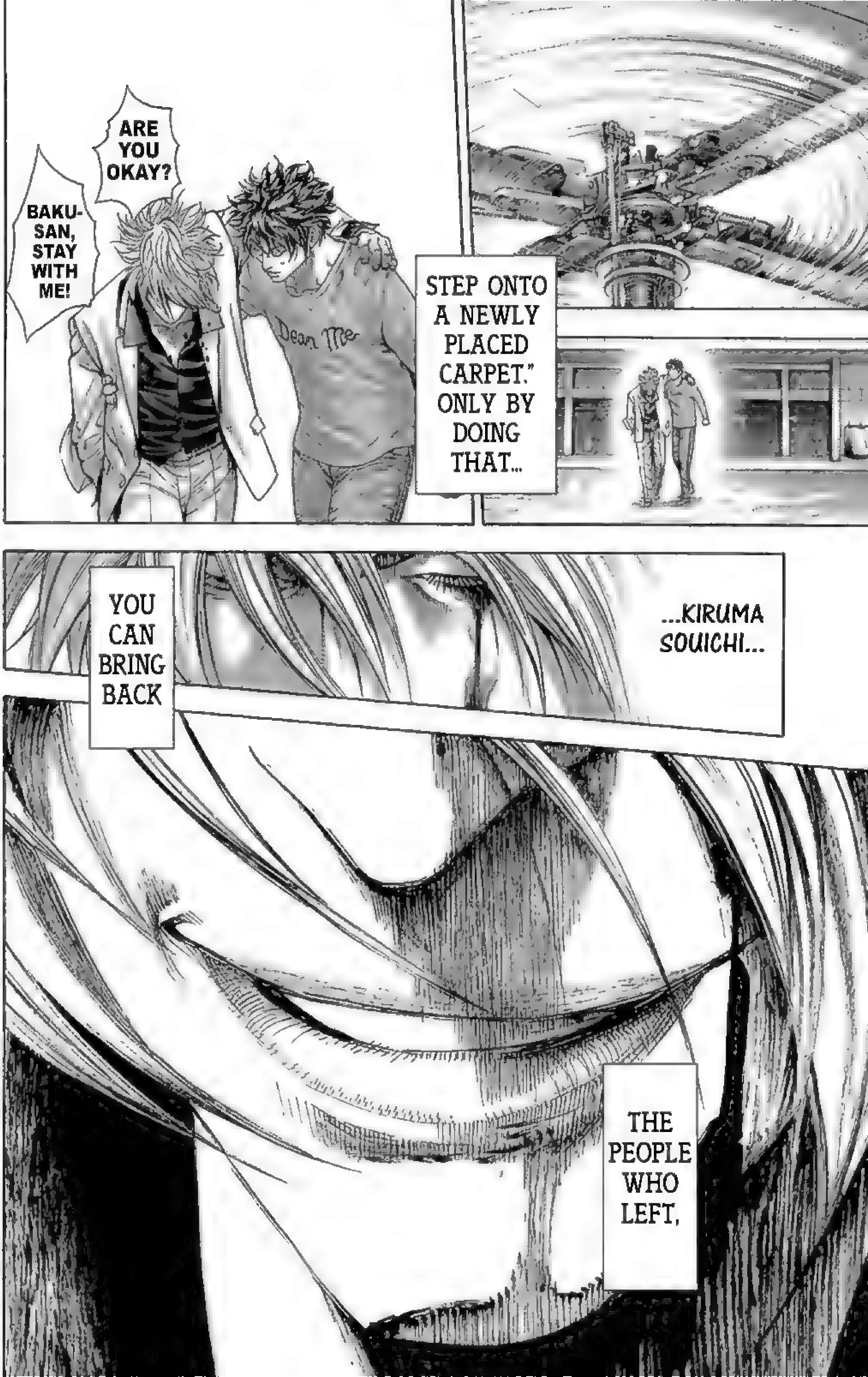
PEOPLE
LEFT.

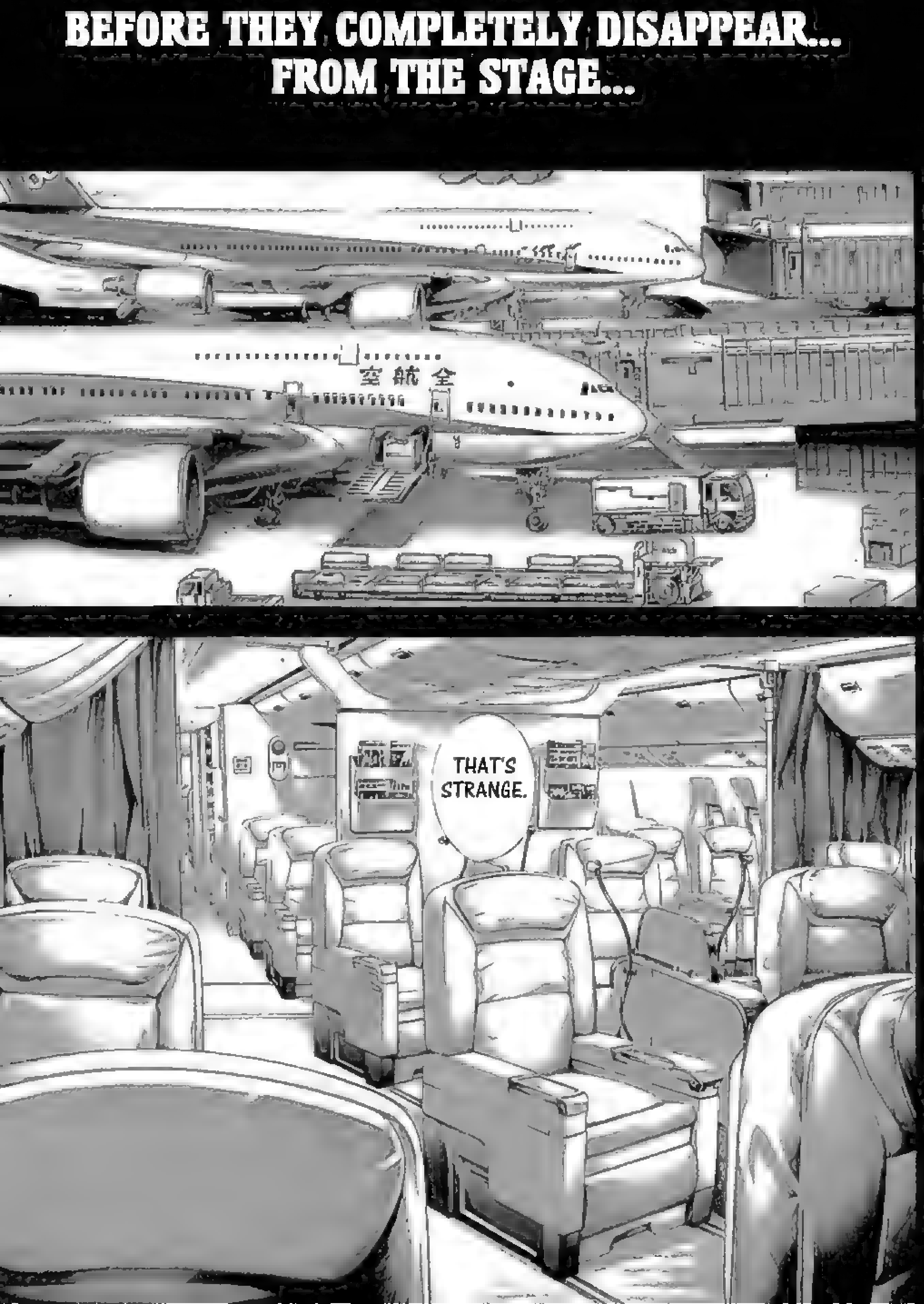

OPEN
I'M OOFUNA FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK.
LOOKS CORRECT ...
TWO MEN, HUH... I HEARD THAT THE TARGET IS ALONE...
I'VE HEARD ABOUT IT FROM THE BUREAU HEAD. DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.
WHAT'S WRONG?
AH,
YOU CAN PASS NOW.

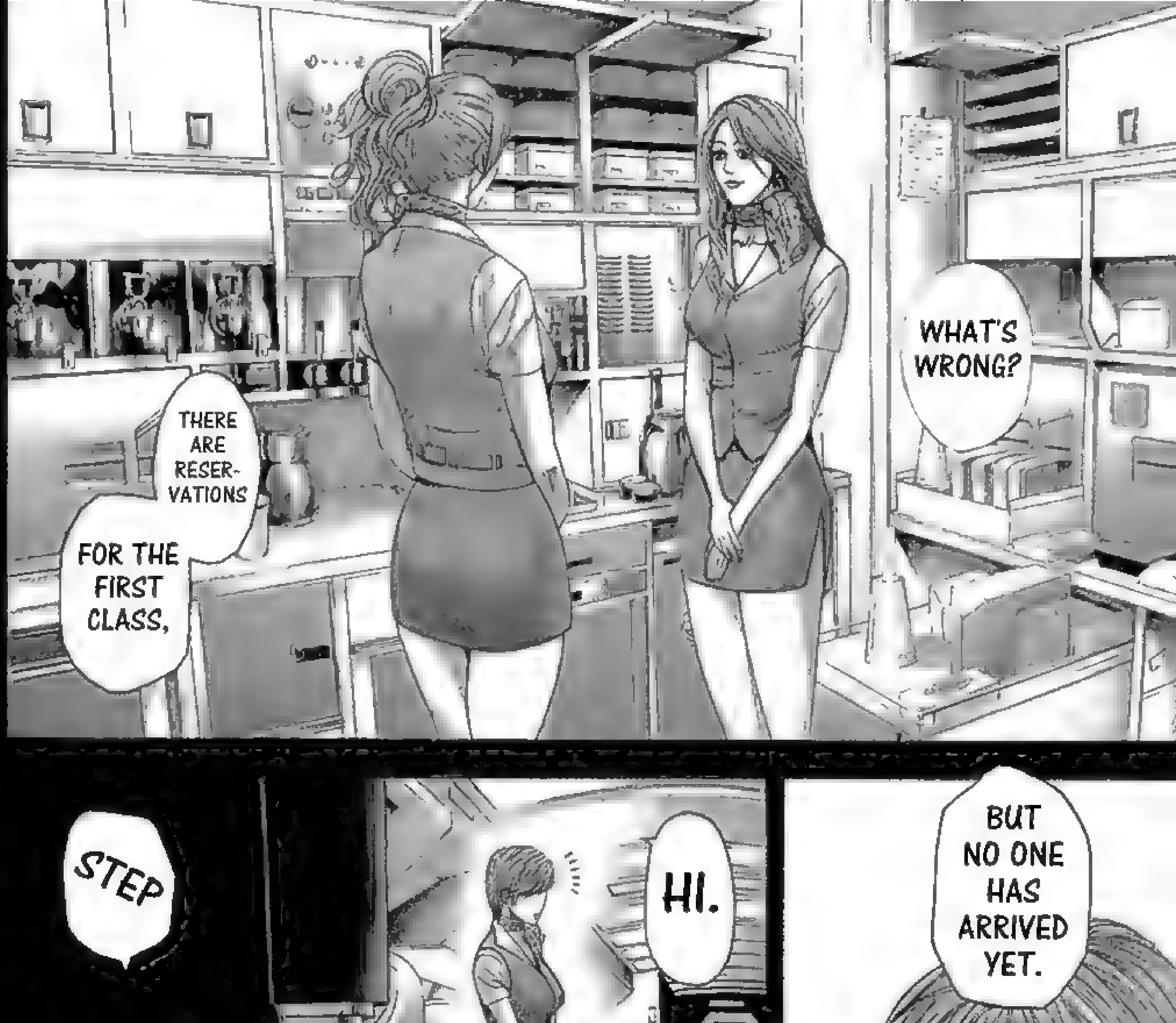

WHY NOW!?
IF... IF LEADER
IS HEADING TOWARDS EBA'S PLACE...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO!? ......AT LEAST,
AT LEAST NOT EBA! PLEASE LET IT BE THE ONE WHO ALSO KNOWS THE SECRET...
PLEASE BE TATSUKI-SAMA!
......
SOU... ICHI...
I... MADE A GREAT MEMORY IN THE END...
I WILL... GO HAVE A DRINK WITH EBA...
AND SHARE THIS STORY WITH HIM...


REFEREE EBA
NO LONGER EXISTS IN THIS WORLD!
IF IT GOES ON LIKE THIS...
LEADER WON'T BE ABLE TO MEET
EITHER EBA OR REFEREE KIRUMA,
WHO HE THINKS ARE THE ONLY TWO THAT KNOW HIS SECRET...
NOT ONLY THAT,
PERHAPS,
LEADER...

ブォッ
WILL NEVER...
COME BACK ANYMORE.
"MAKING YOURSELF,
OR OTHERS,

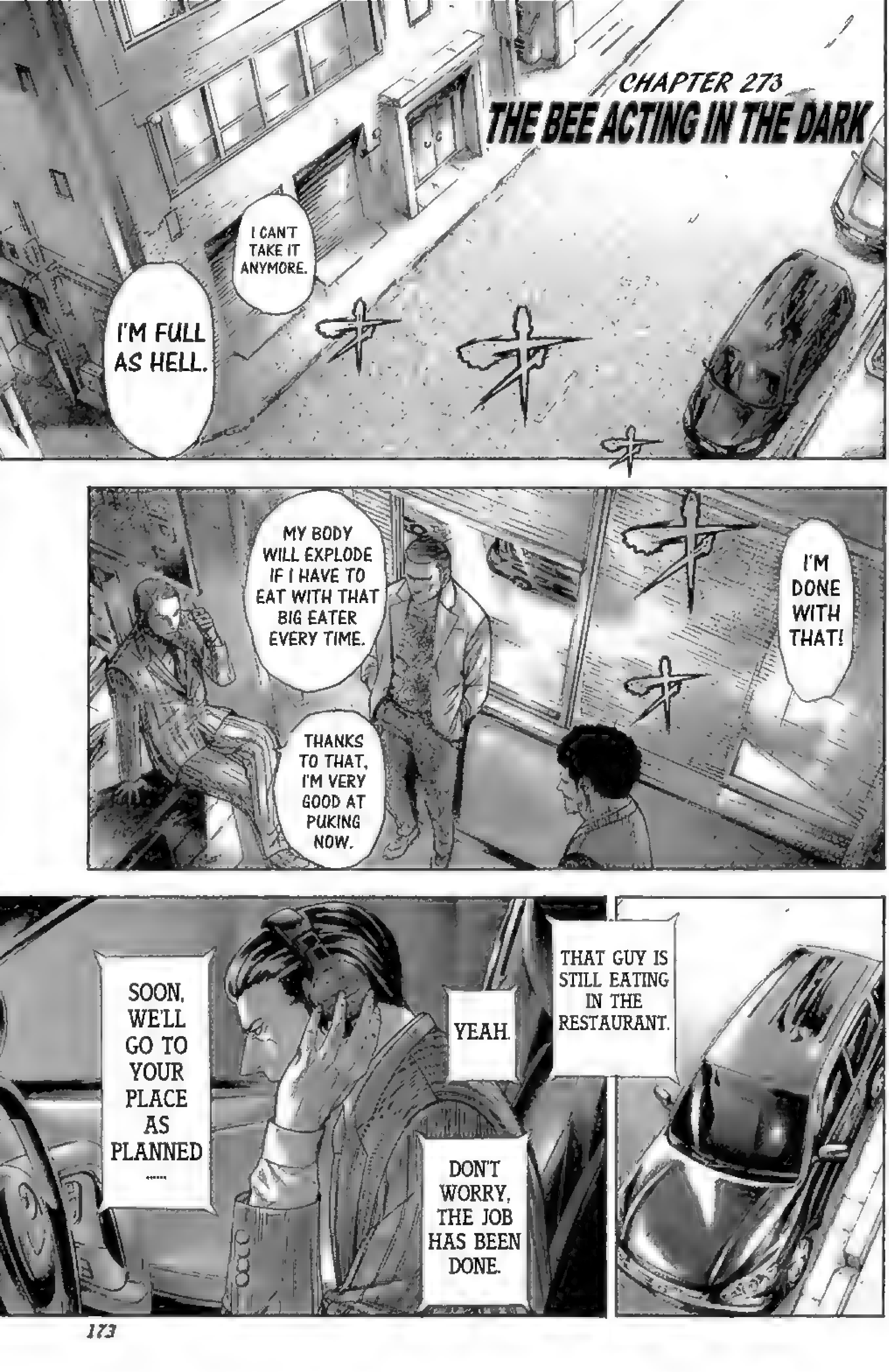

STEP ONTO A NEWLY PLACED CARPET.” ONLY BY DOING THAT...
ARE YOU OKAY?
BAKU-SAN, STAY WITH ME!
...KIRUMA SOUICHI...
YOU CAN BRING BACK
THE PEOPLE WHO LEFT,

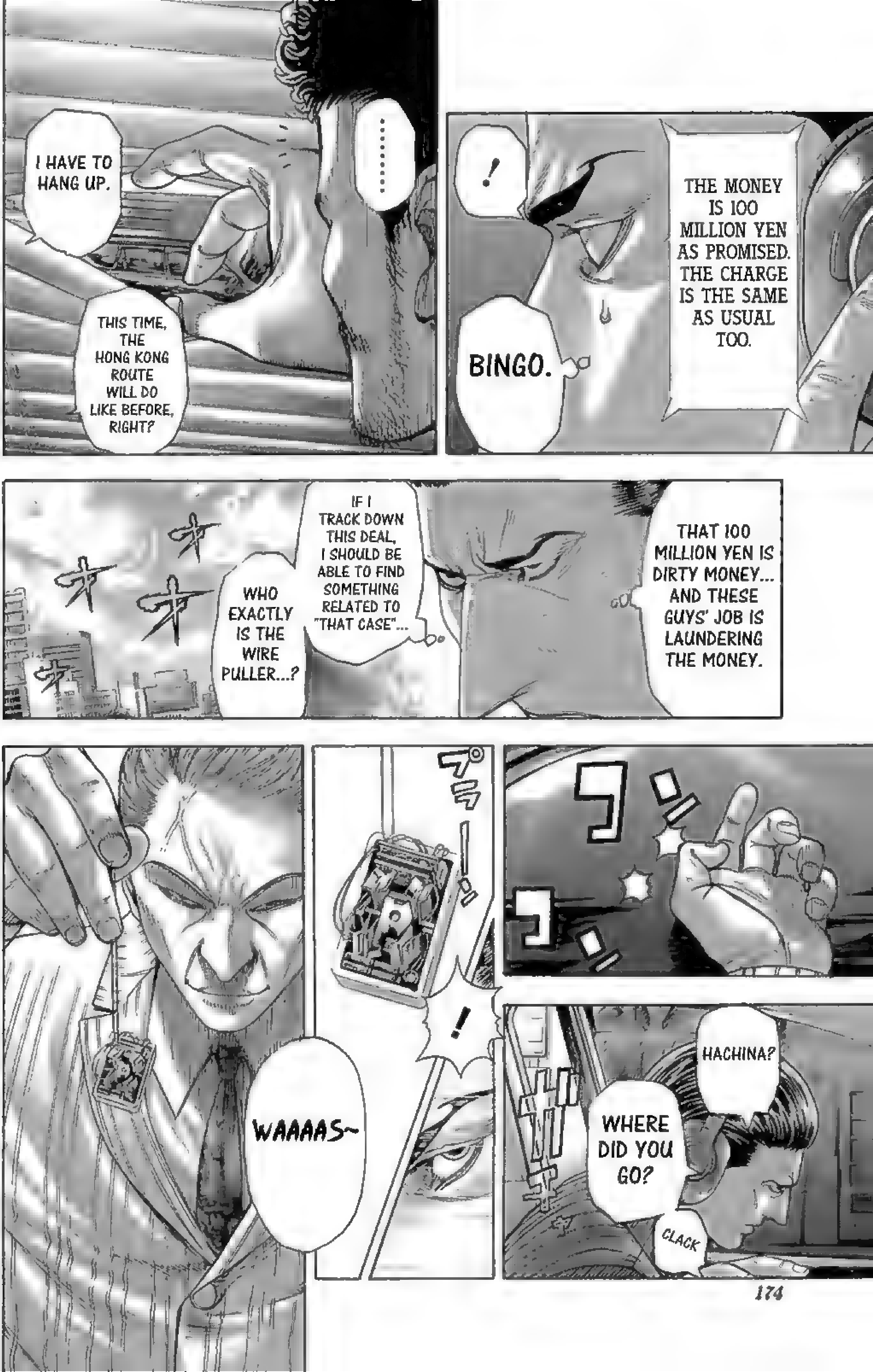

BEFORE THEY COMPLETELY DISAPPEAR...
FROM THE STAGE...
空航全
THAT'S STRANGE.

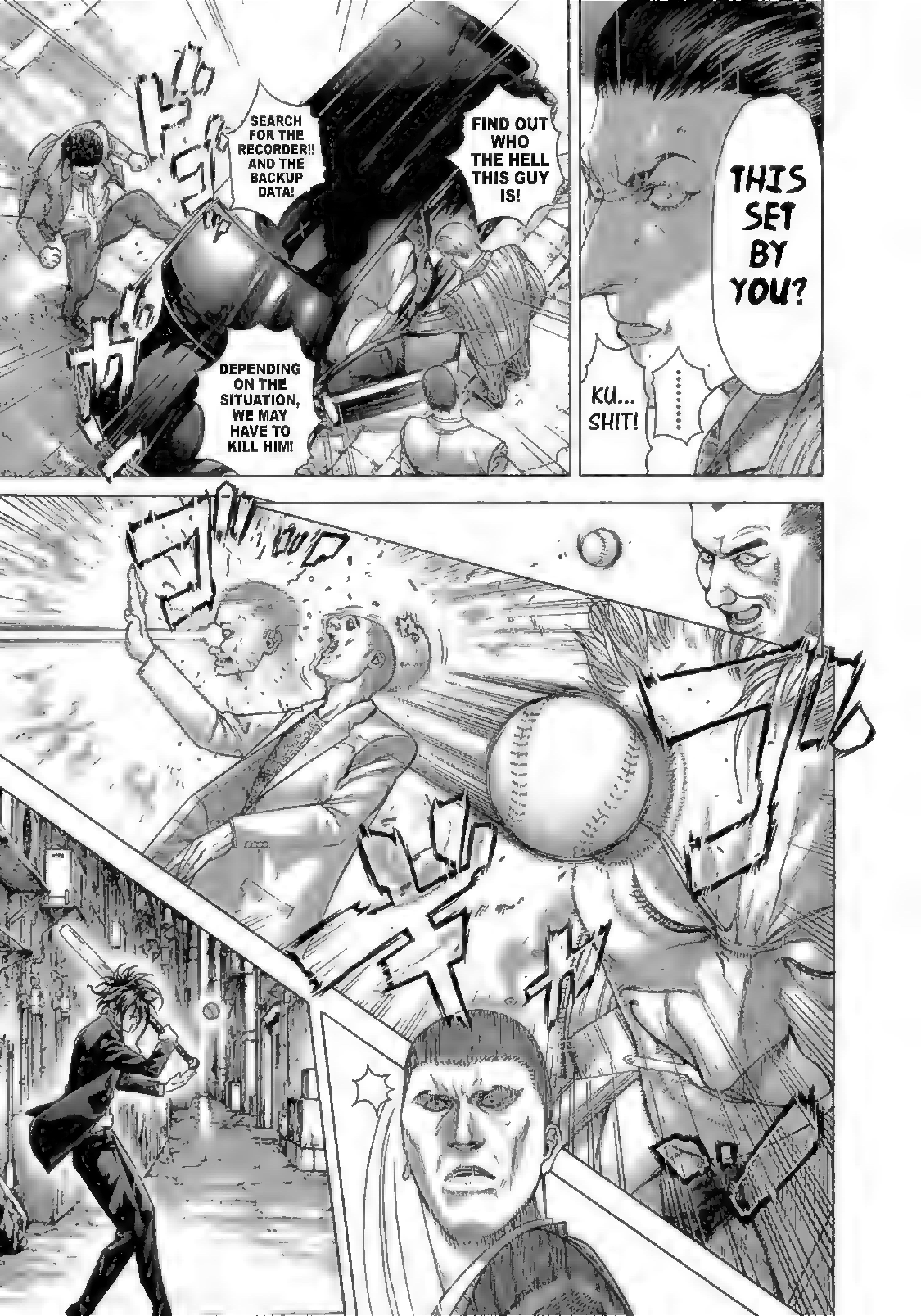

WHAT'S WRONG?
THERE ARE RESERVATIONS
FOR THE FIRST CLASS,
BUT NO ONE HAS ARRIVED YET.
HI.
STEP
......
......
SIR,
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU...

CHAPTER 273

THE BEE ACTING IN THE DARK


I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE.
I'M FULL AS HELL.
I'M DONE WITH THAT!
MY BODY WILL EXPLODE IF I HAVE TO EAT WITH THAT BIG EATER EVERY TIME.
THANKS TO THAT, I'M VERY GOOD AT PUKING NOW.
THAT GUY IS STILL EATING IN THE RESTAURANT.
YEAH.
DON'T WORRY, THE JOB HAS BEEN DONE.
SOON, WE'LL GO TO YOUR PLACE AS PLANNED ……


!
THE MONEY IS 100 MILLION YEN AS PROMISED. THE CHARGE IS THE SAME AS USUAL TOO.
BINGO.
……
I HAVE TO HANG UP.
THIS TIME, THE HONG KONG ROUTE WILL DO LIKE BEFORE, RIGHT?
THAT 100 MILLION YEN IS DIRTY MONEY... AND THESE GUYS' JOB IS LAUNDERING THE MONEY.
IF I TRACK DOWN THIS DEAL, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND SOMETHING RELATED TO "THAT CASE"...
WHO EXACTLY IS THE WIRE PULLER...?
HACHINA?
WHERE DID YOU GO?
CLACK
!
WAAAAS~


THIS SET BY YOU?
......
KU... SHIT!
FIND OUT WHO THE HELL THIS GUY IS!
SEARCH FOR THE RECORDER!! AND THE BACKUP DATA!
DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION, WE MAY HAVE TO KILL HIM!

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TSK! ARE YOU HIS PARTNER!?
WHAT KIND OF BATTING WAS THAT?
SO LAME!
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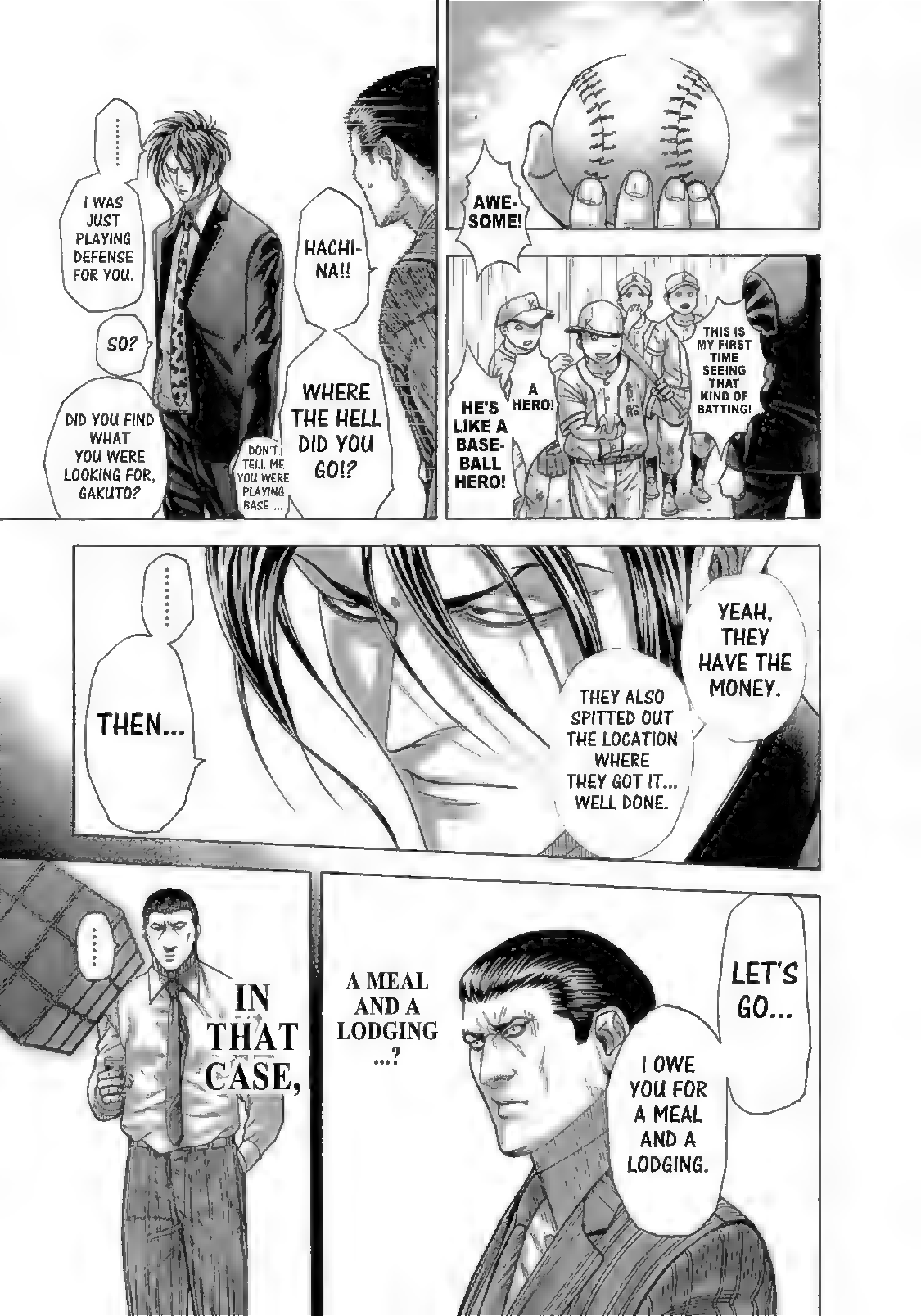
AWESOME!
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SEEING THAT KIND OF BATTING!
A HERO!
HE'S LIKE A BASEBALL HERO!
HACHINA!!
WHERE THE HELL DID YOU GO!?
DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE PLAYING BASE ...
......
I WAS JUST PLAYING DEFENSE FOR YOU.
SO?
DID YOU FIND WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR, GAKUTO?
YEAH, THEY HAVE THE MONEY.
THEY ALSO SPITTED OUT THE LOCATION WHERE THEY GOT IT... WELL DONE.
......
THEN...
LET'S GO...
I OWE YOU FOR A MEAL AND A LODGING.
A MEAL AND A LODGING ...?
IN THAT CASE,
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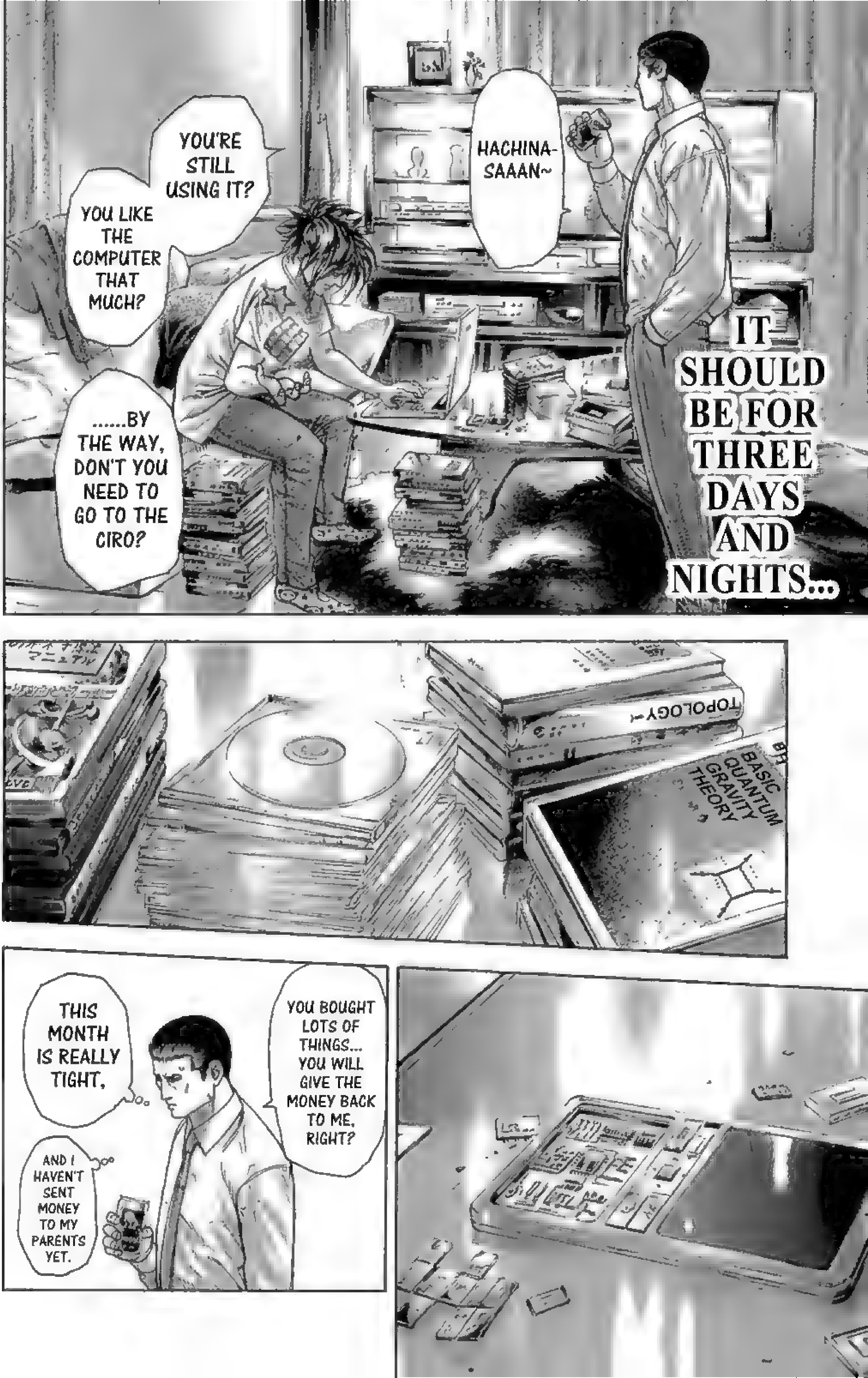
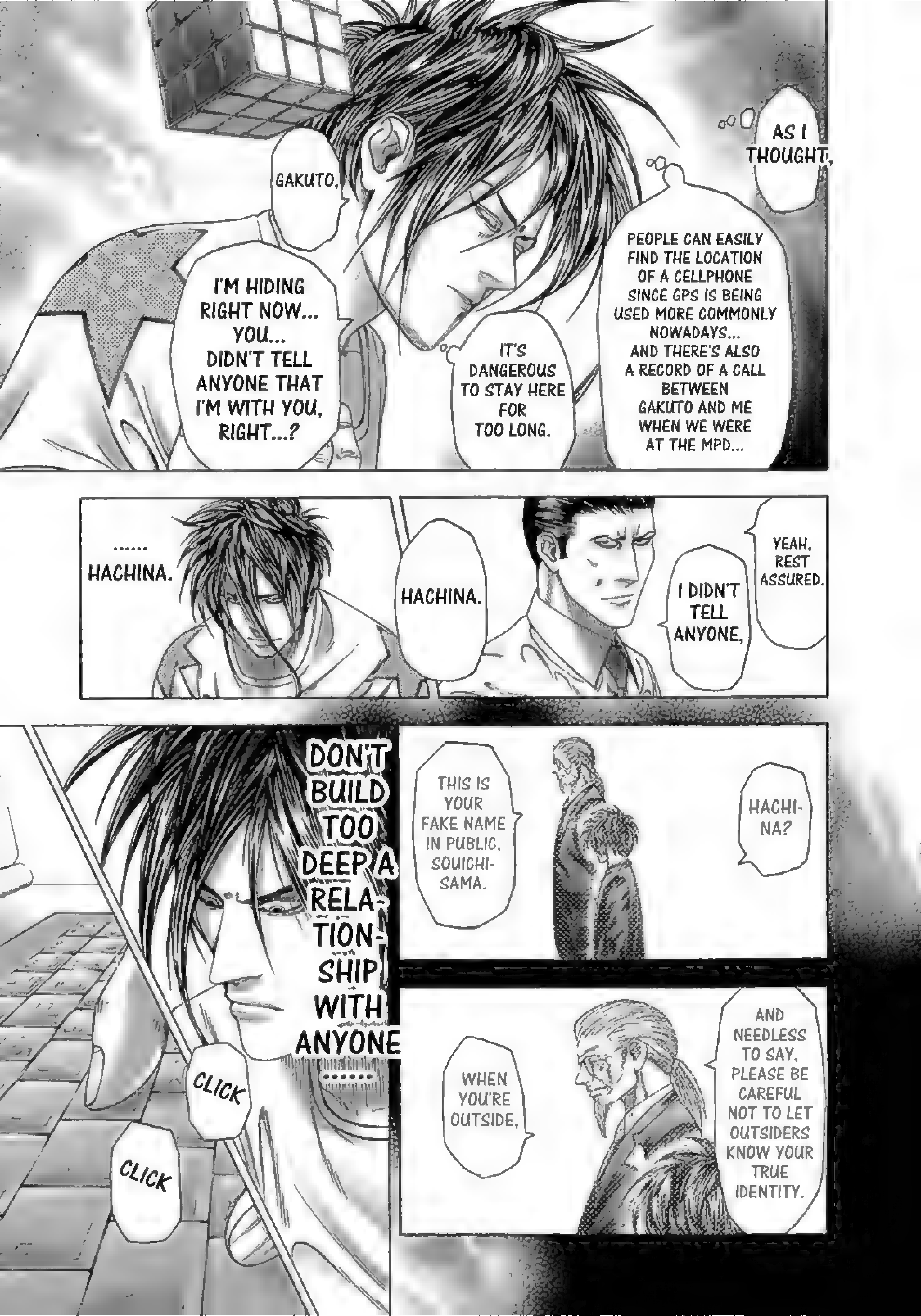
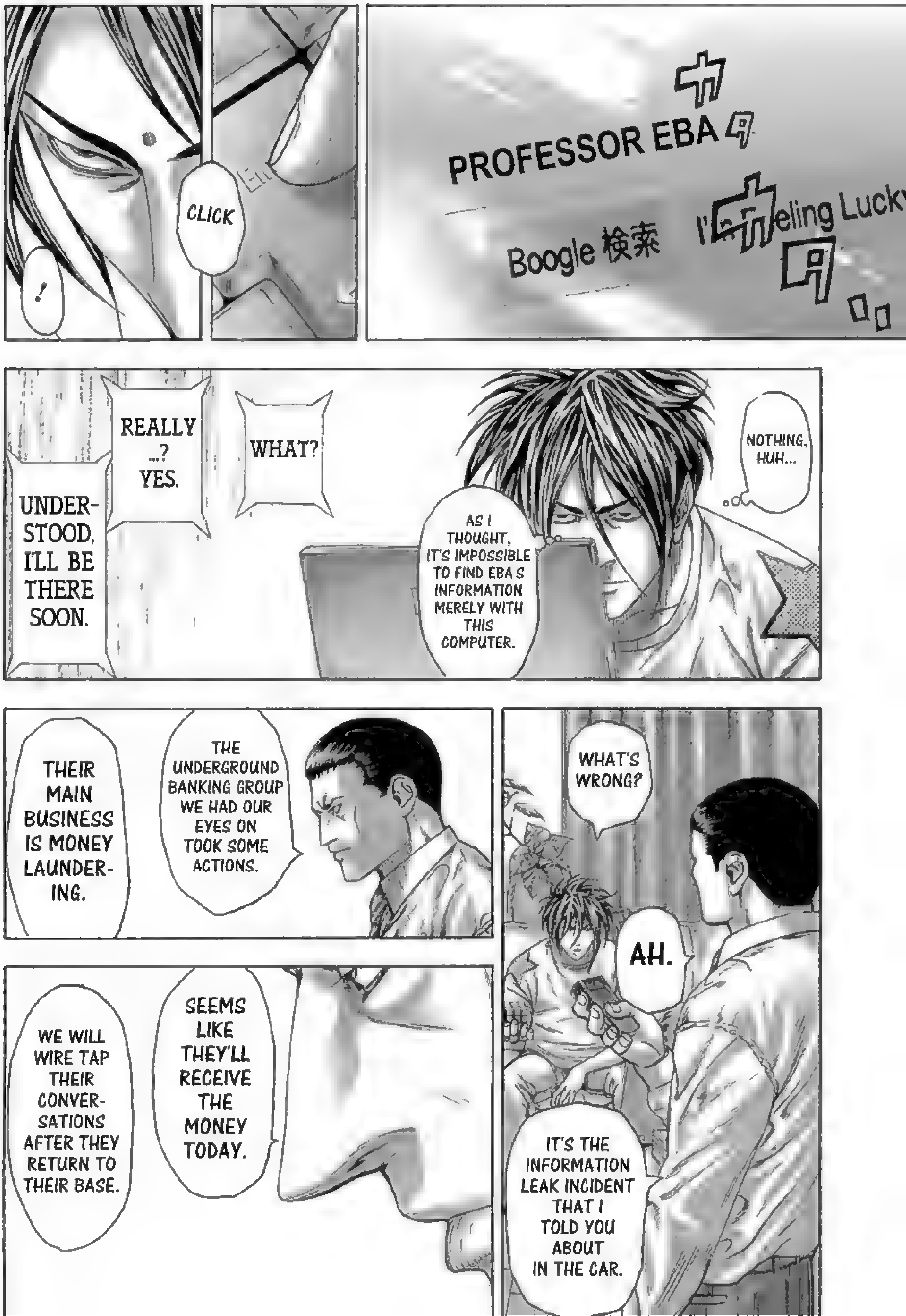
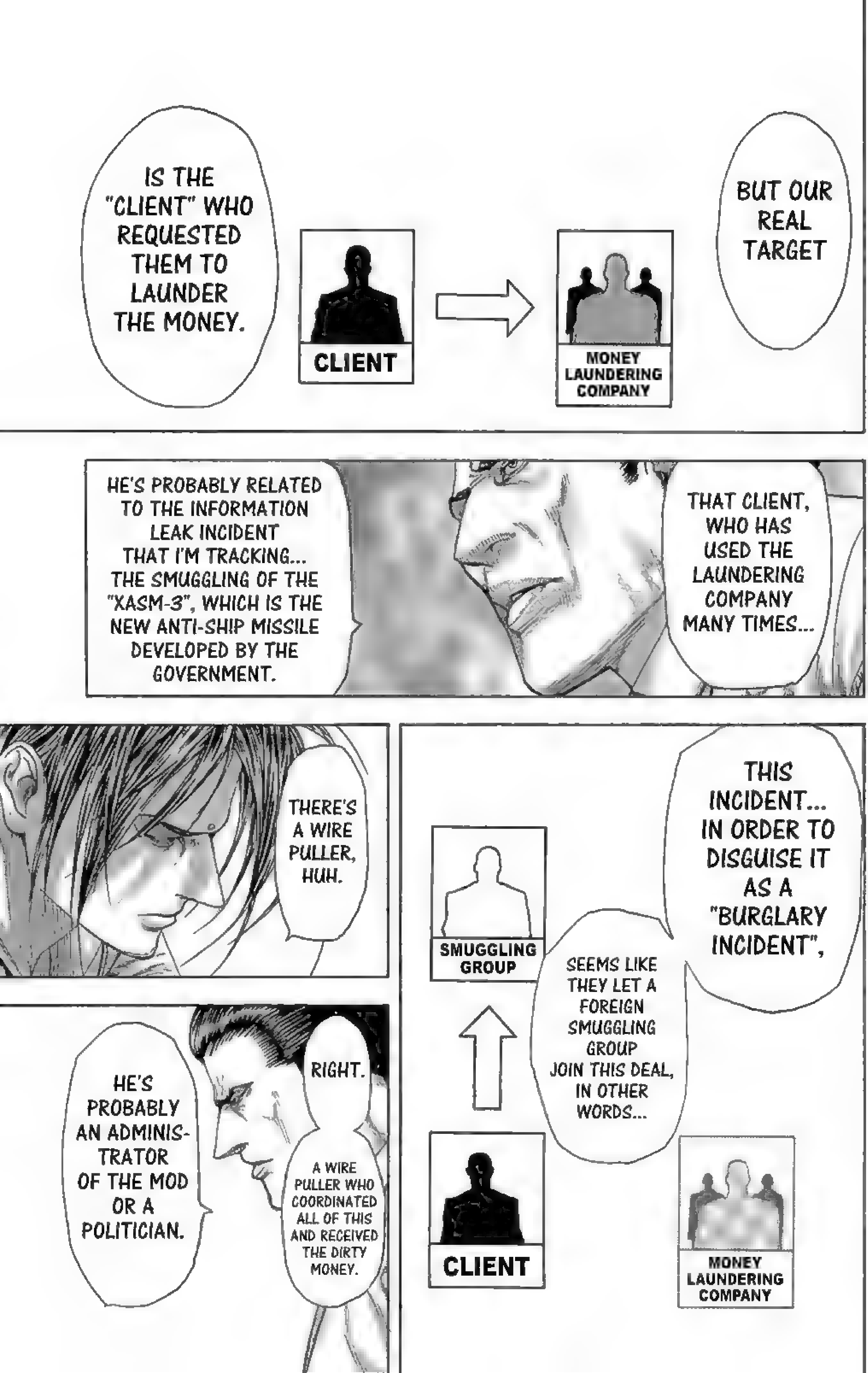
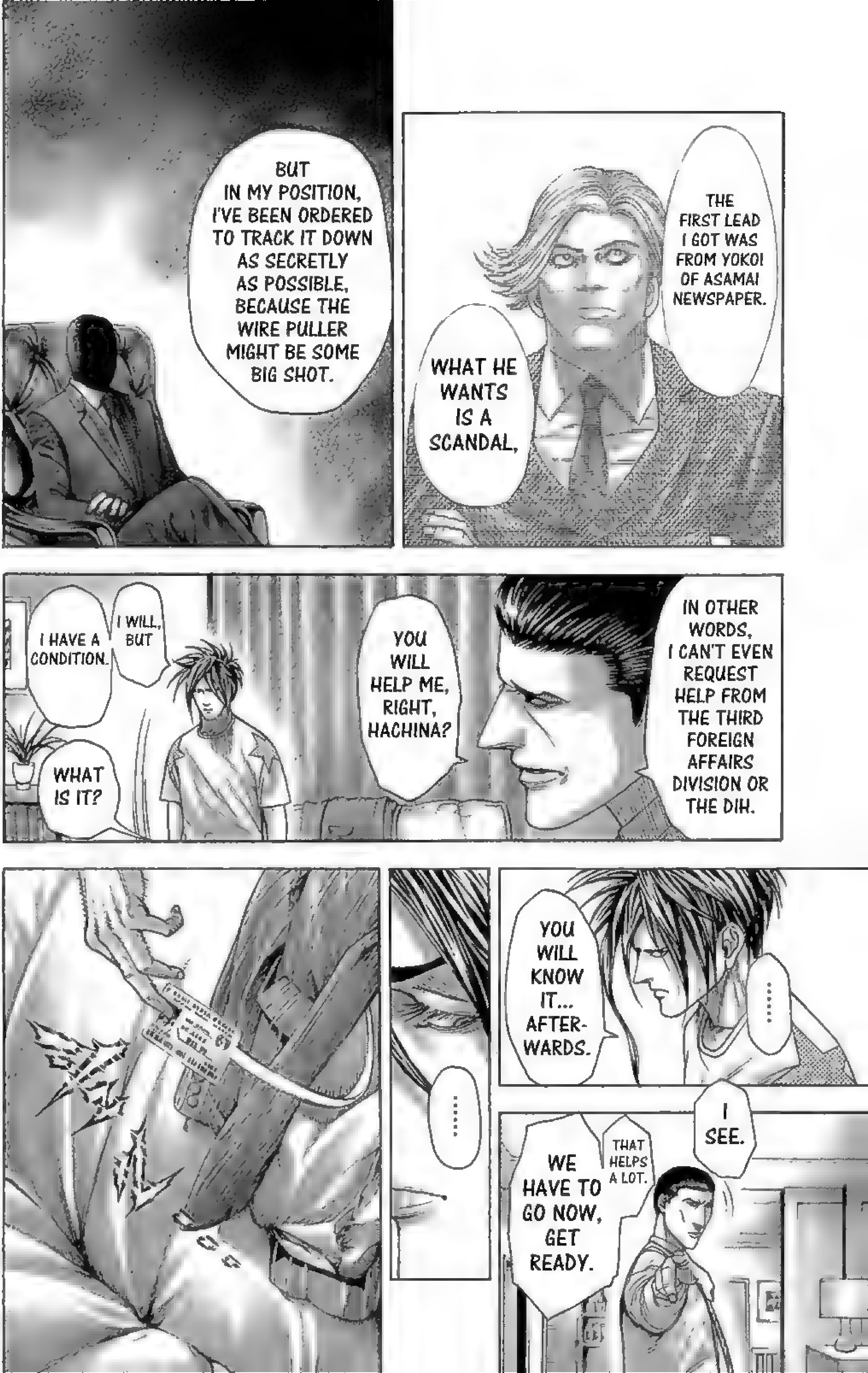

IT SHOULD BE FOR THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS...
HACHINA-SAAAN~
YOU'RE STILL USING IT?
YOU LIKE THE COMPUTER THAT MUCH?
......BY THE WAY, DON'T YOU NEED TO GO TO THE CIRO?
TOPOLOGY-1
BASIC QUANTUM GRAVITY THEORY
YOU BOUGHT LOTS OF THINGS... YOU WILL GIVE THE MONEY BACK TO ME, RIGHT?
THIS MONTH IS REALLY TIGHT,
AND I HAVEN'T SENT MONEY TO MY PARENTS YET.


AS I THOUGHT,
PEOPLE CAN EASILY FIND THE LOCATION OF A CELLPHONE SINCE GPS IS BEING USED MORE COMMONLY NOWADAYS... AND THERE'S ALSO A RECORD OF A CALL BETWEEN GAKUTO AND ME WHEN WE WERE AT THE MPD...
IT'S DANGEROUS TO STAY HERE FOR TOO LONG.
GAKUTO,
I'M HIDING RIGHT NOW... YOU... DIDN'T TELL ANYONE THAT I'M WITH YOU, RIGHT...?
YEAH, REST ASSURED.
I DIDN'T TELL ANYONE,
HACHINA.
...... HACHINA.
HACHI-NA?
THIS IS YOUR FAKE NAME IN PUBLIC, SOUICHI-SAMA.
AND NEEDLESS TO SAY, PLEASE BE CAREFUL NOT TO LET OUTSIDERS KNOW YOUR TRUE IDENTITY.
WHEN YOU'RE OUTSIDE,
DON'T BUILD TOO DEEP A RELATIONSHIP WITH ANYONE......
CLICK
CLICK


PROFESSOR EBA
カタ
Boogle 検索
I' eling Luck
カタ
CLICK
!
NOTHING, HUH...
AS I THOUGHT, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND EBA'S INFORMATION MERELY WITH THIS COMPUTER.
WHAT?
REALLY ...? YES.
UNDERSTOOD, I'LL BE THERE SOON.
WHAT'S WRONG?
AH.
IT'S THE INFORMATION LEAK INCIDENT THAT I TOLD YOU ABOUT IN THE CAR.
THE UNDERGROUND BANKING GROUP WE HAD OUR EYES ON TOOK SOME ACTIONS.
THEIR MAIN BUSINESS IS MONEY LAUNDERING.
SEEMS LIKE THEY'LL RECEIVE THE MONEY TODAY.
WE WILL WIRE TAP THEIR CONVERSATIONS AFTER THEY RETURN TO THEIR BASE.


BUT OUR REAL TARGET
IS THE "CLIENT" WHO REQUESTED THEM TO LAUNDER THE MONEY.
CLIENT
MONEY LAUNDERING COMPANY
THAT CLIENT, WHO HAS USED THE LAUNDERING COMPANY MANY TIMES...
HE'S PROBABLY RELATED TO THE INFORMATION LEAK INCIDENT THAT I'M TRACKING... THE SMUGGLING OF THE "XASM-3", WHICH IS THE NEW ANTI-SHIP MISSILE DEVELOPED BY THE GOVERNMENT.
THIS INCIDENT... IN ORDER TO DISGUISE IT AS A "BURGLARY INCIDENT",
SEEMS LIKE THEY LET A FOREIGN SMUGGLING GROUP JOIN THIS DEAL, IN OTHER WORDS...
SMUGGLING GROUP
CLIENT
MONEY LAUNDERING COMPANY
THERE'S A WIRE PULLER, HUH.
RIGHT.
A WIRE PULLER WHO COORDINATED ALL OF THIS AND RECEIVED THE DIRTY MONEY.
HE'S PROBABLY AN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MOD OR A POLITICIAN.


THE FIRST LEAD I GOT WAS FROM YOKOI OF ASAMAI NEWSPAPER.
WHAT HE WANTS IS A SCANDAL,
BUT IN MY POSITION, I'VE BEEN ORDERED TO TRACK IT DOWN AS SECRETLY AS POSSIBLE, BECAUSE THE WIRE PULLER MIGHT BE SOME BIG SHOT.
IN OTHER WORDS, I CAN'T EVEN REQUEST HELP FROM THE THIRD FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIVISION OR THE DIH.
YOU WILL HELP ME, RIGHT, HACHINA?
I WILL, BUT
I HAVE A CONDITION.
WHAT IS IT?
……
YOU WILL KNOW IT... AFTERWARDS.
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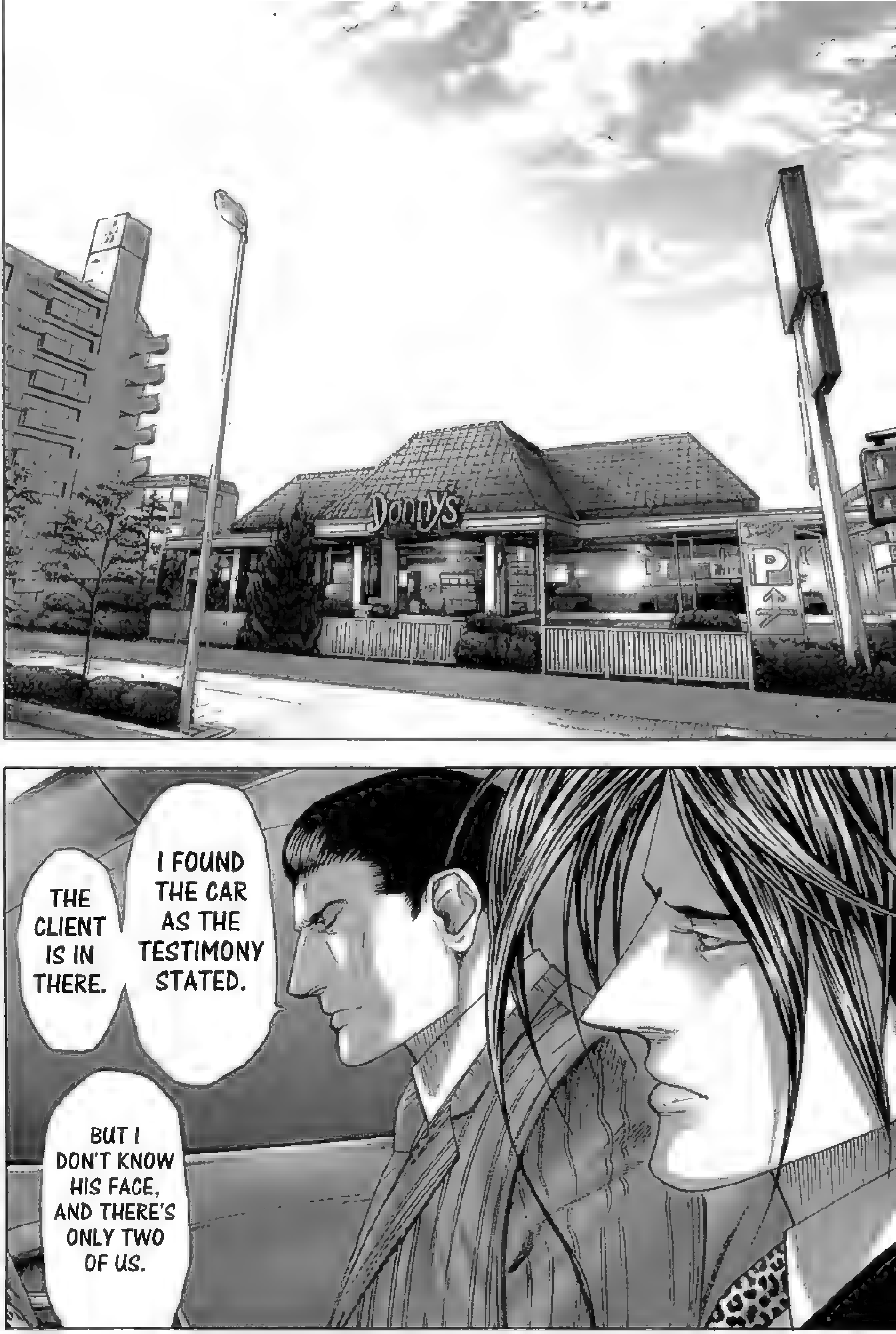
I SEE.
THAT HELPS A LOT.
WE HAVE TO GO NOW, GET READY.

OKAY.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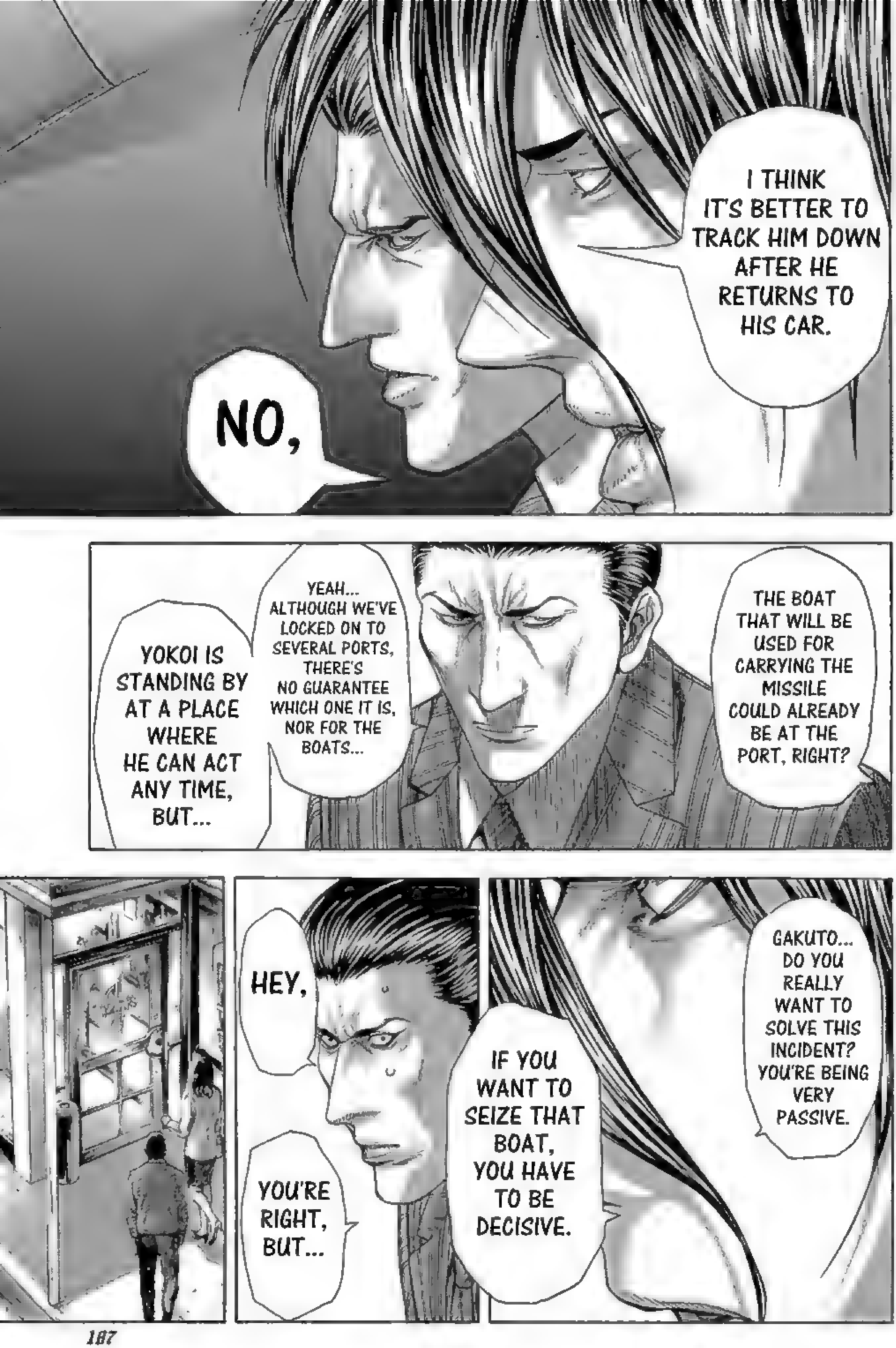
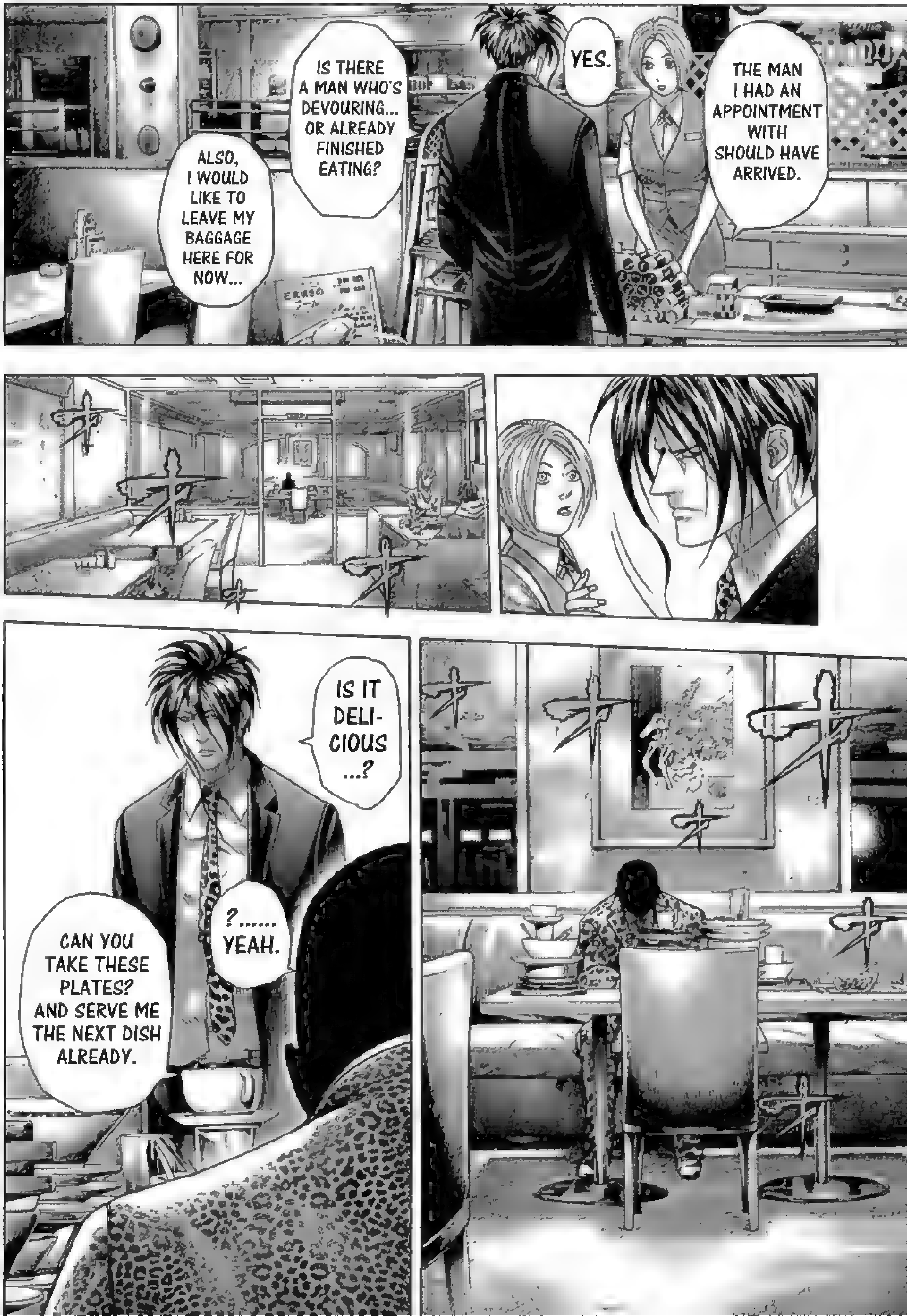
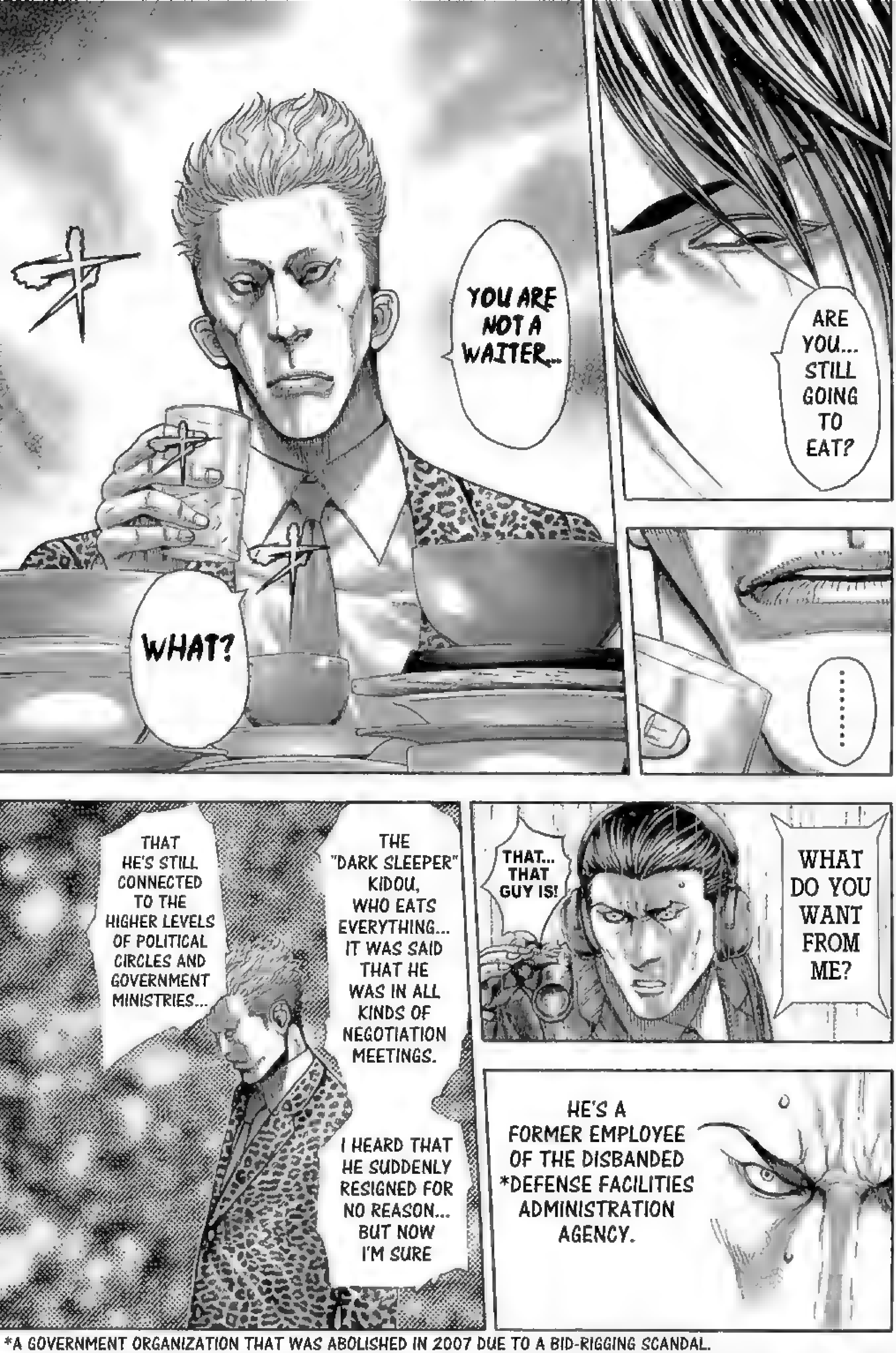
I FOUND THE CAR AS THE TESTIMONY STATED.
THE CLIENT IS IN THERE.
BUT I DON'T KNOW HIS FACE, AND THERE'S ONLY TWO OF US.


I THINK IT'S BETTER TO TRACK HIM DOWN AFTER HE RETURNS TO HIS CAR.
NO,
THE BOAT THAT WILL BE USED FOR CARRYING THE MISSILE COULD ALREADY BE AT THE PORT, RIGHT?
YEAH... ALTHOUGH WE'VE LOCKED ON TO SEVERAL PORTS, THERE'S NO GUARANTEE WHICH ONE IT IS, NOR FOR THE BOATS...
YOKOI IS STANDING BY AT A PLACE WHERE HE CAN ACT ANY TIME, BUT...
GAKUTO... DO YOU REALLY WANT TO SOLVE THIS INCIDENT? YOU'RE BEING VERY PASSIVE.
HEY,
IF YOU WANT TO SEIZE THAT BOAT, YOU HAVE TO BE DECISIVE.
YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT...


THE MAN I HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED.
YES.
IS THERE A MAN WHO'S DEVOURING... OR ALREADY FINISHED EATING?
ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE MY BAGGAGE HERE FOR NOW...
IS IT DELICIOUS...?
?...... YEAH.
CAN YOU TAKE THESE PLATES? AND SERVE ME THE NEXT DISH ALREADY.


ARE YOU... STILL GOING TO EAT?
......
YOU ARE NOT A WAITER...
WHAT?
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
THAT... THAT GUY IS!
HE'S A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE DISBANDED *DEFENSE FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION AGENCY.
THE "DARK SLEEPER" KIDOU, WHO EATS EVERYTHING... IT WAS SAID THAT HE WAS IN ALL KINDS OF NEGOTIATION MEETINGS.
I HEARD THAT HE SUDDENLY RESIGNED FOR NO REASON... BUT NOW I'M SURE
THAT HE'S STILL CONNECTED TO THE HIGHER LEVELS OF POLITICAL CIRCLES AND GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES...

*A GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION THAT WAS ABOLISHED IN 2007 DUE TO A BID-RIGGING SCANDAL. IT BUILT AND MAINTAINED FACILITIES AND LAND SPACES FOR THE JAPANESE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES AND THE U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN. IT ALSO LOOKED AFTER THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE NEARBY SUCH FACILITIES, THE LABOR MANAGEMENT OF JAPANESE EMPLOYEES AT U.S. FACILITIES, AND ANY DAMAGE CAUSED IN THE EVENT OF UNLAWFUL CONDUCT BY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL.

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BECAUSE THIS
WILL BE YOUR LAST MEAL.
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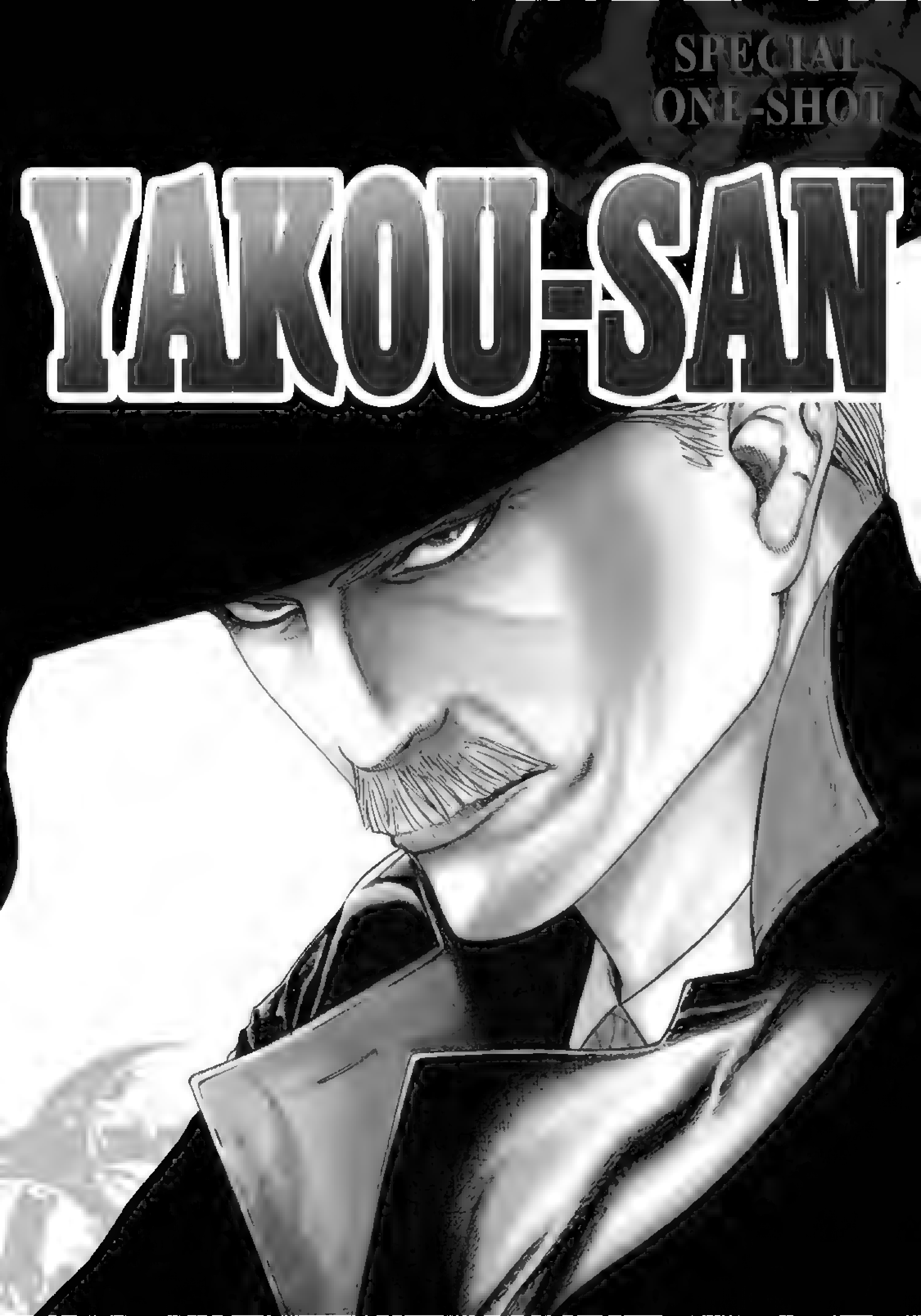
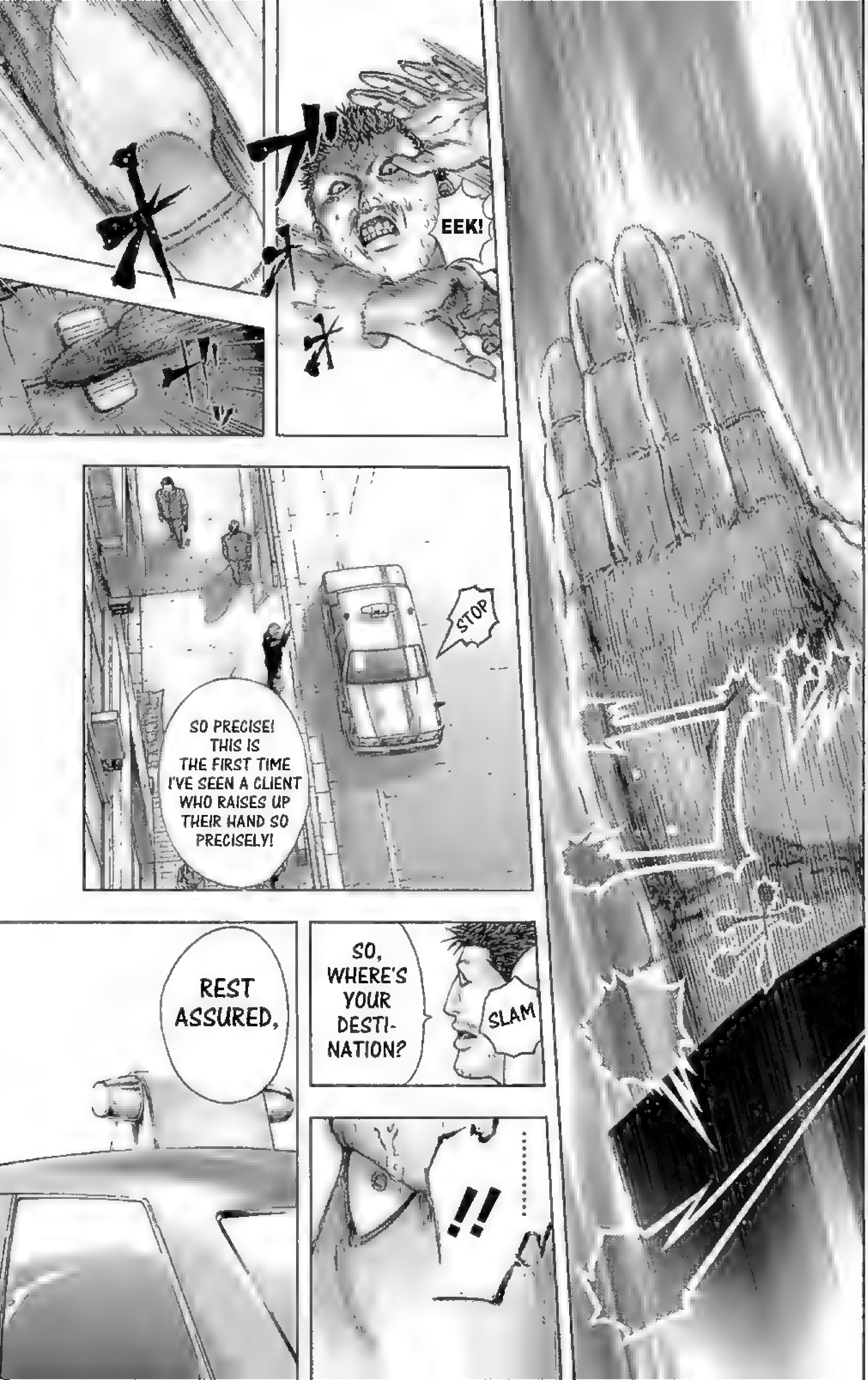

SPECIAL ONE-SHOT
YAKOU-SAN


EEK!
STOP
SO PRECISE! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN A CLIENT WHO RAISES UP THEIR HAND SO PRECISELY!
SLAM
SO, WHERE'S YOUR DESTINATION?
REST ASSURED,
......
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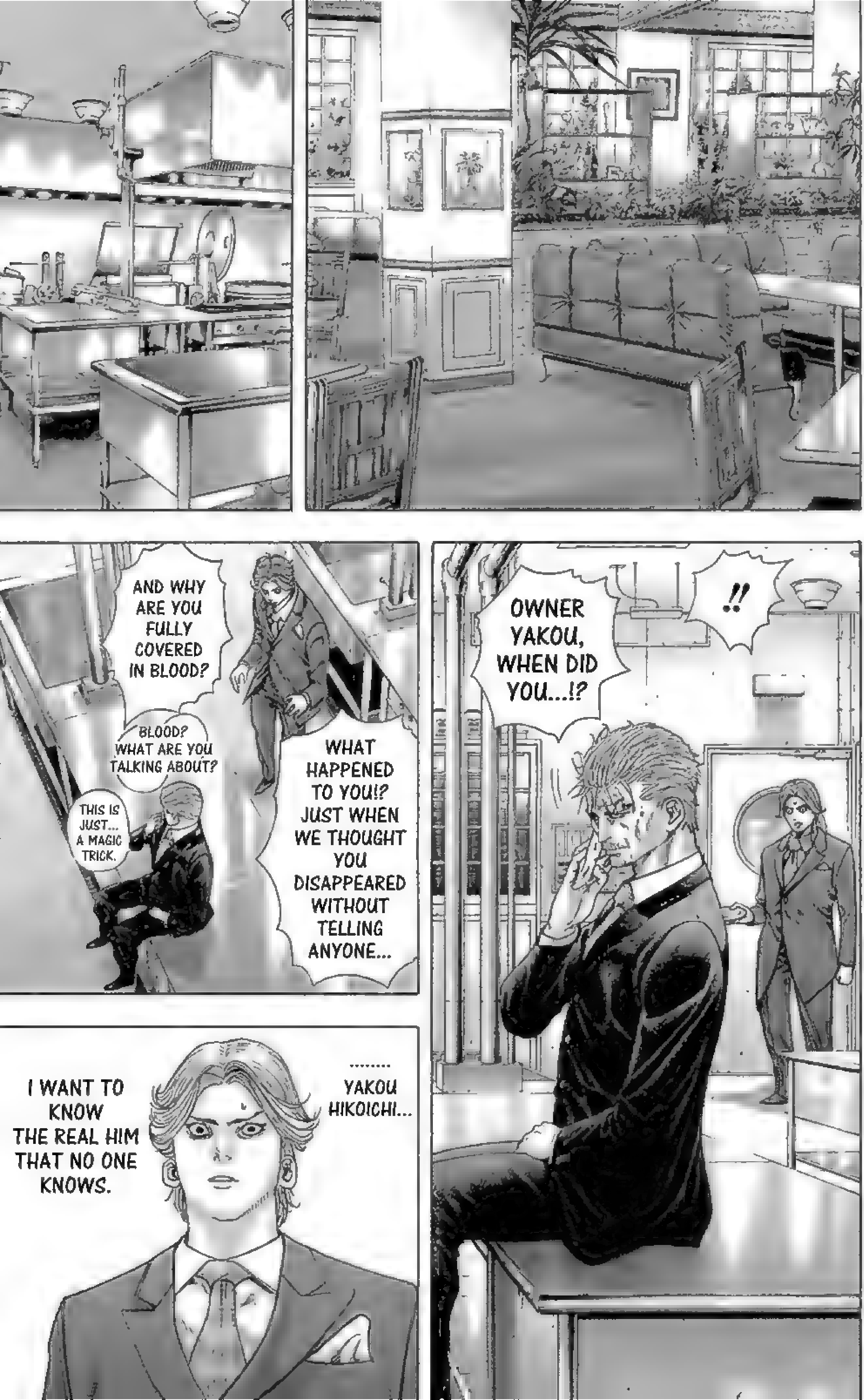
I AM DEFINITELY,
NOT A SUSPICIOUS MAN.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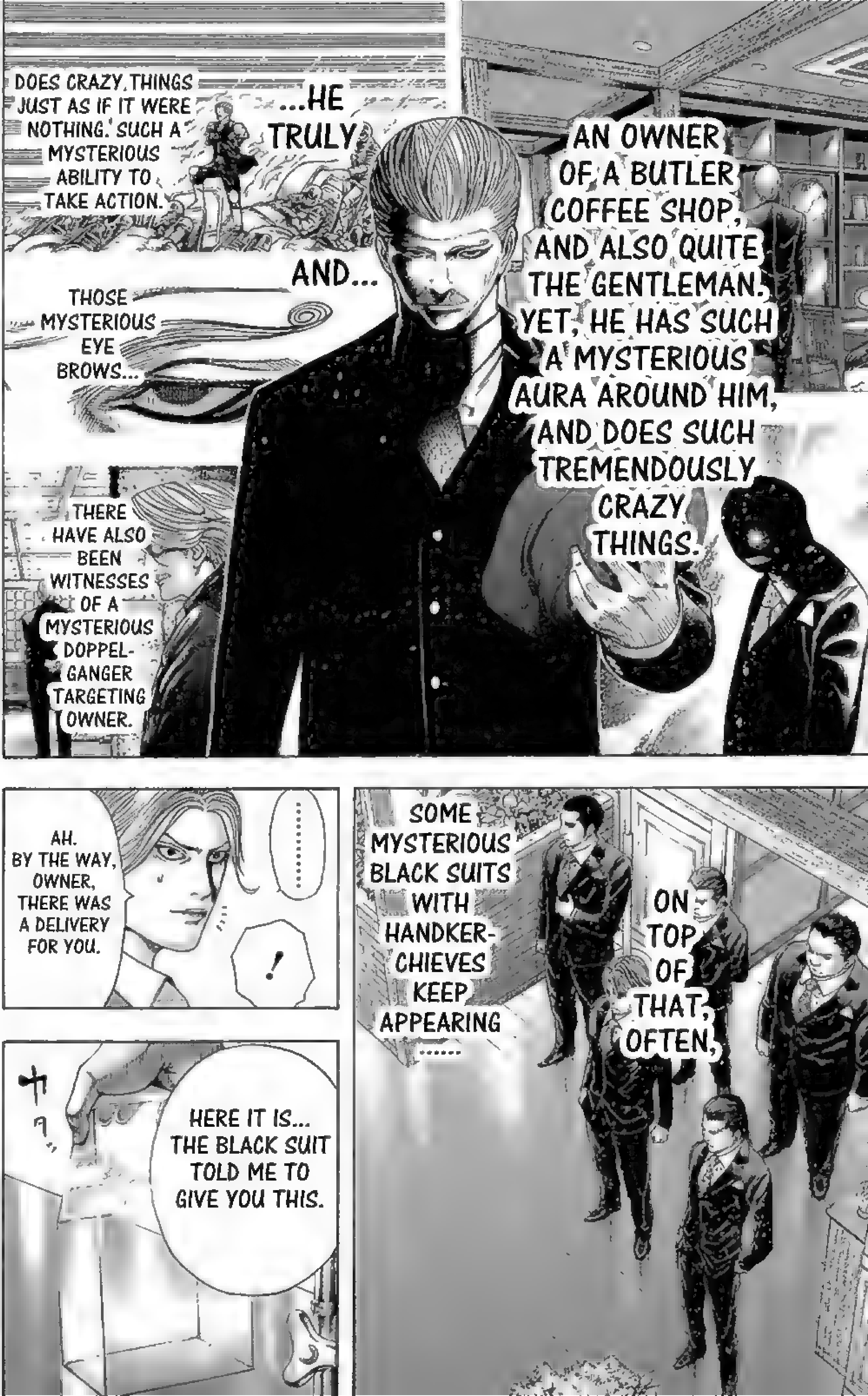
OWNER YAKOU, WHEN DID YOU...!?
AND WHY ARE YOU FULLY COVERED IN BLOOD?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU!? JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT YOU DISAPPEARED WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE...
BLOOD? WHAT AREYOU TALKING ABOUT?
THIS IS JUST... A MAGIC TRICK.
.... YAKOU HIKOICHI...
I WANT TO KNOW THE REAL HIM THAT NO ONE KNOWS.


AN OWNER OF A BUTLER COFFEE SHOP, AND ALSO QUITE THE GENTLEMAN. YET, HE HAS SUCH A MYSTERIOUS AURA AROUND HIM, AND DOES SUCH TREMENDOUSLY CRAZY THINGS.
...HE TRULY
AND...
DOES CRAZY THINGS JUST AS IF IT WERE NOTHING. SUCH A MYSTERIOUS ABILITY TO TAKE ACTION.
THOSE MYSTERIOUS EYE BROWS...
THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN WITNESSES OF A MYSTERIOUS DOPPEL-GANGER TARGETING OWNER.
ON TOP OF THAT, OFTEN,
SOME MYSTERIOUS BLACK SUITS WITH HANDKER-CHIEVES KEEP APPEARING ......
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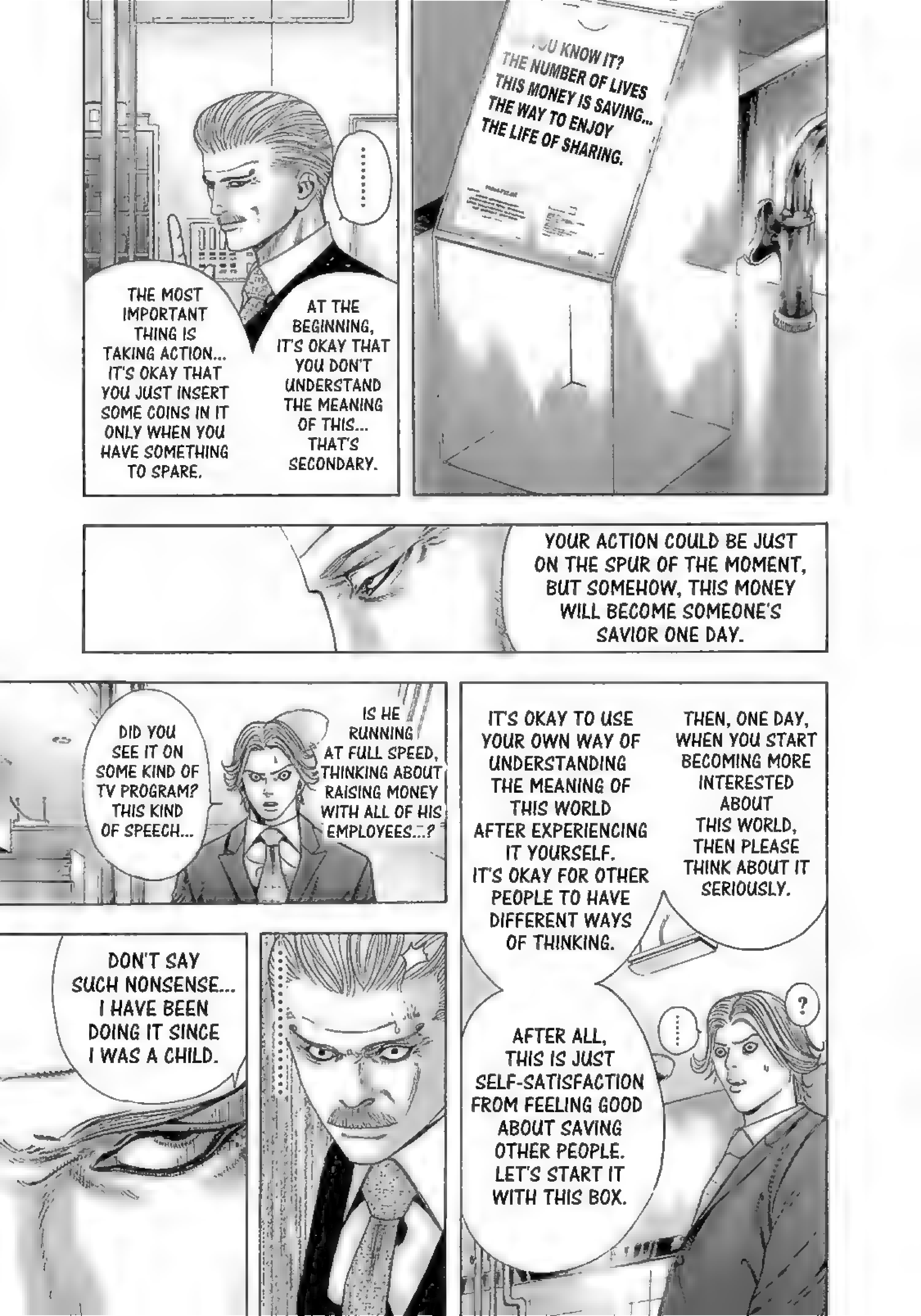
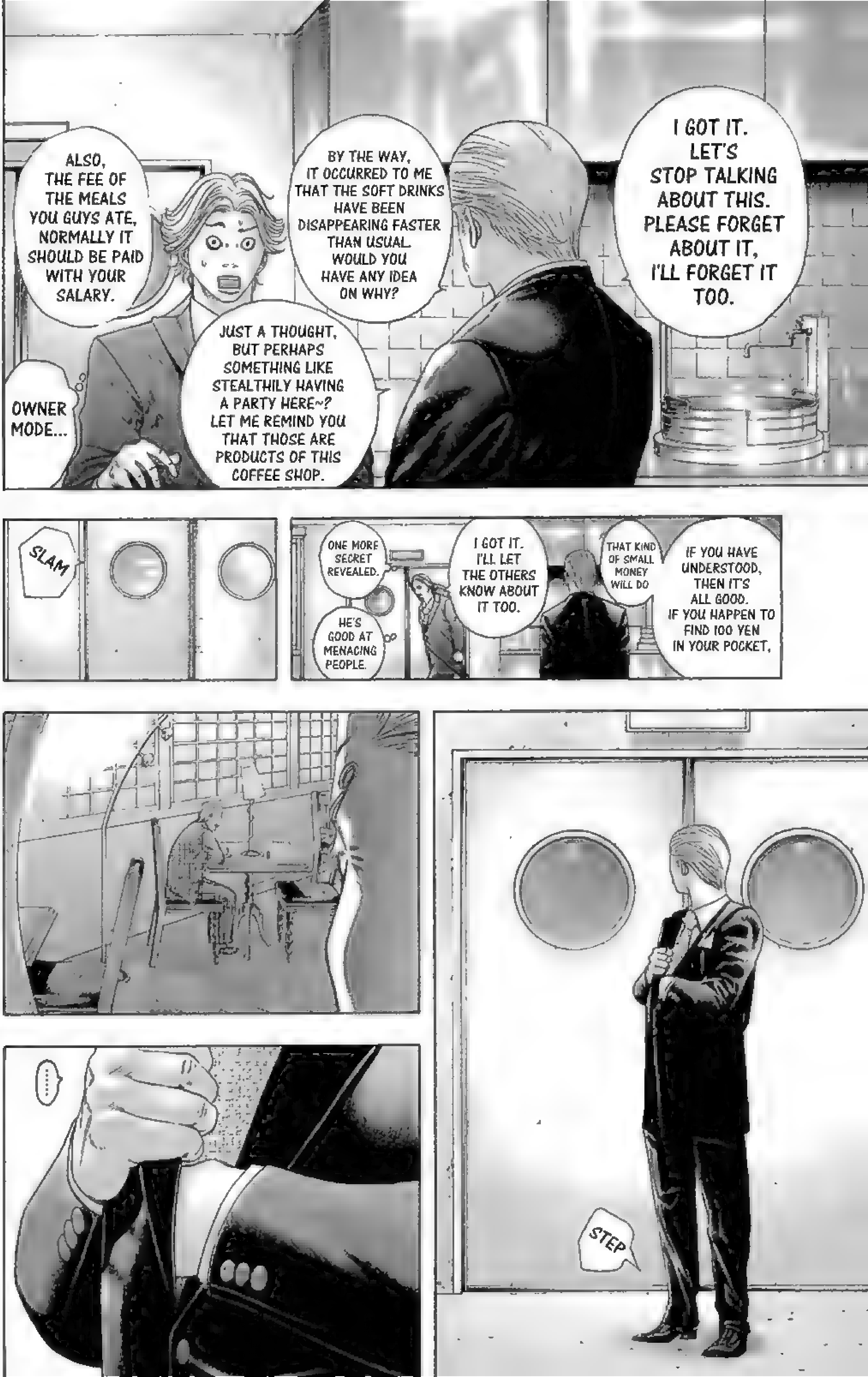
AH. BY THE WAY, OWNER, THERE WAS A DELIVERY FOR YOU.
HERE IT IS... THE BLACK SUIT TOLD ME TO GIVE YOU THIS.


OU KNOW IT?
THE NUMBER OF LIVES
THIS MONEY IS SAVING...
THE WAY TO ENJOY
THE LIFE OF SHARING.
......
AT THE BEGINNING, IT'S OKAY THAT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF THIS... THAT'S SECONDARY.
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TAKING ACTION... IT'S OKAY THAT YOU JUST INSERT SOME COINS IN IT ONLY WHEN YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SPARE.
YOUR ACTION COULD BE JUST ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT, BUT SOMEHOW, THIS MONEY WILL BECOME SOMEONE'S SAVIOR ONE DAY.
THEN, ONE DAY, WHEN YOU START BECOMING MORE INTERESTED ABOUT THIS WORLD, THEN PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT SERIOUSLY.
IT'S OKAY TO USE YOUR OWN WAY OF UNDERSTANDING THE MEANING OF THIS WORLD AFTER EXPERIENCING IT YOURSELF. IT'S OKAY FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO HAVE DIFFERENT WAYS OF THINKING.
IS HE RUNNING AT FULL SPEED, THINKING ABOUT RAISING MONEY WITH ALL OF HIS EMPLOYEES...?
DID YOU SEE IT ON SOME KIND OF TV PROGRAM? THIS KIND OF SPEECH...
?
......
AFTER ALL, THIS IS JUST SELF-SATISFACTION FROM FEELING GOOD ABOUT SAVING OTHER PEOPLE. LET'S START IT WITH THIS BOX.
DON'T SAY SUCH NONSENSE... I HAVE BEEN DOING IT SINCE I WAS A CHILD.


BY THE WAY, IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT THE SOFT DRINKS HAVE BEEN DISAPPEARING FASTER THAN USUAL. WOULD YOU HAVE ANY IDEA ON WHY?
JUST A THOUGHT, BUT PERHAPS SOMETHING LIKE STEALTHILY HAVING A PARTY HERE~? LET ME REMIND YOU THAT THOSE ARE PRODUCTS OF THIS COFFEE SHOP.
ALSO, THE FEE OF THE MEALS YOU GUYS ATE, NORMALLY IT SHOULD BE PAID WITH YOUR SALARY.
OWNER MODE...
I GOT IT. LET'S STOP TALKING ABOUT THIS. PLEASE FORGET ABOUT IT, I'LL FORGET IT TOO.
IF YOU HAVE UNDERSTOOD, THEN IT'S ALL GOOD. IF YOU HAPPEN TO FIND 100 YEN IN YOUR POCKET,
THAT KIND OF SMALL MONEY WILL DO
I GOT IT. I'LL LET THE OTHERS KNOW ABOUT IT TOO.
ONE MORE SECRET REVEALED.
HE'S GOOD AT MENACING PEOPLE.
SLAM
STEP
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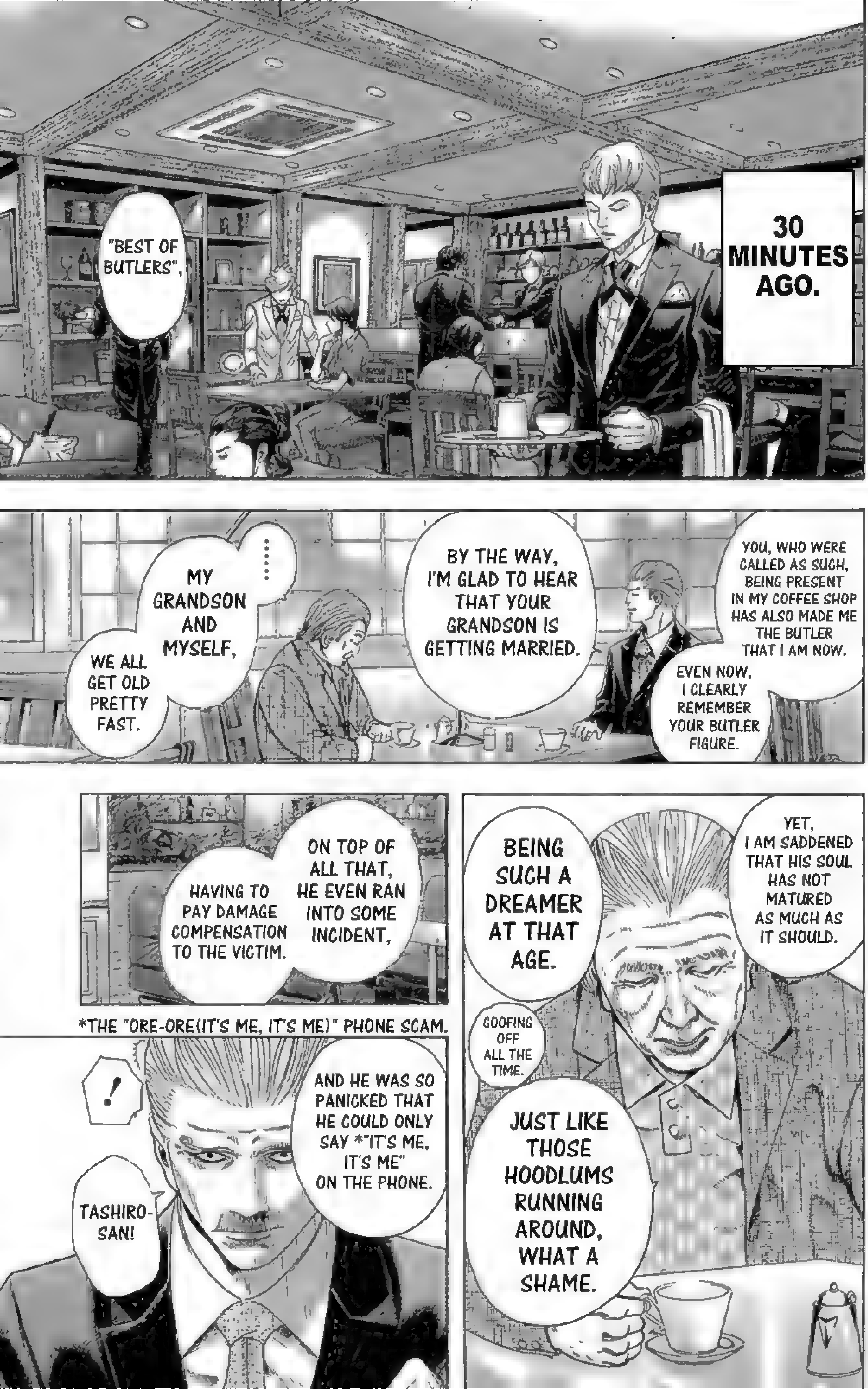
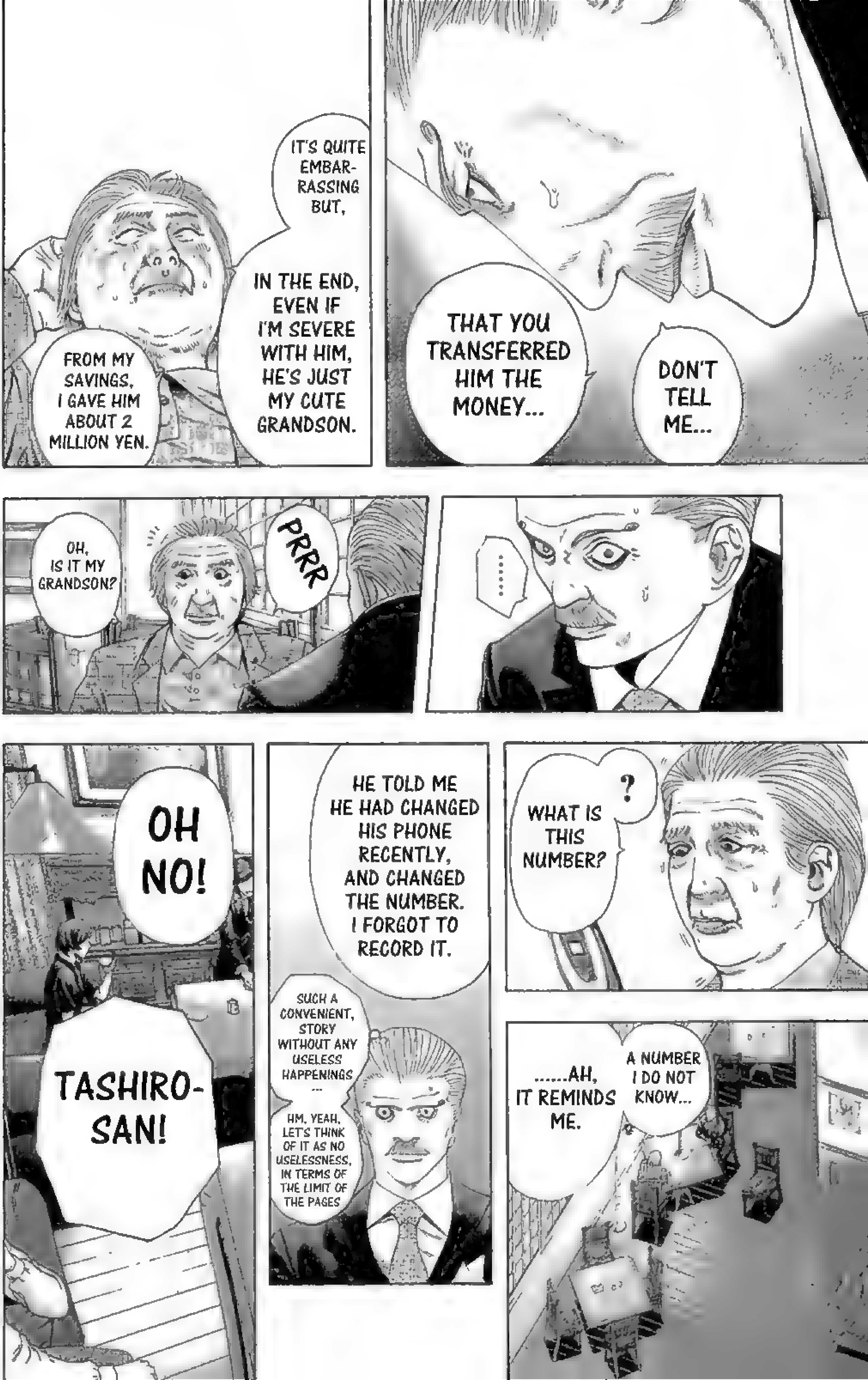
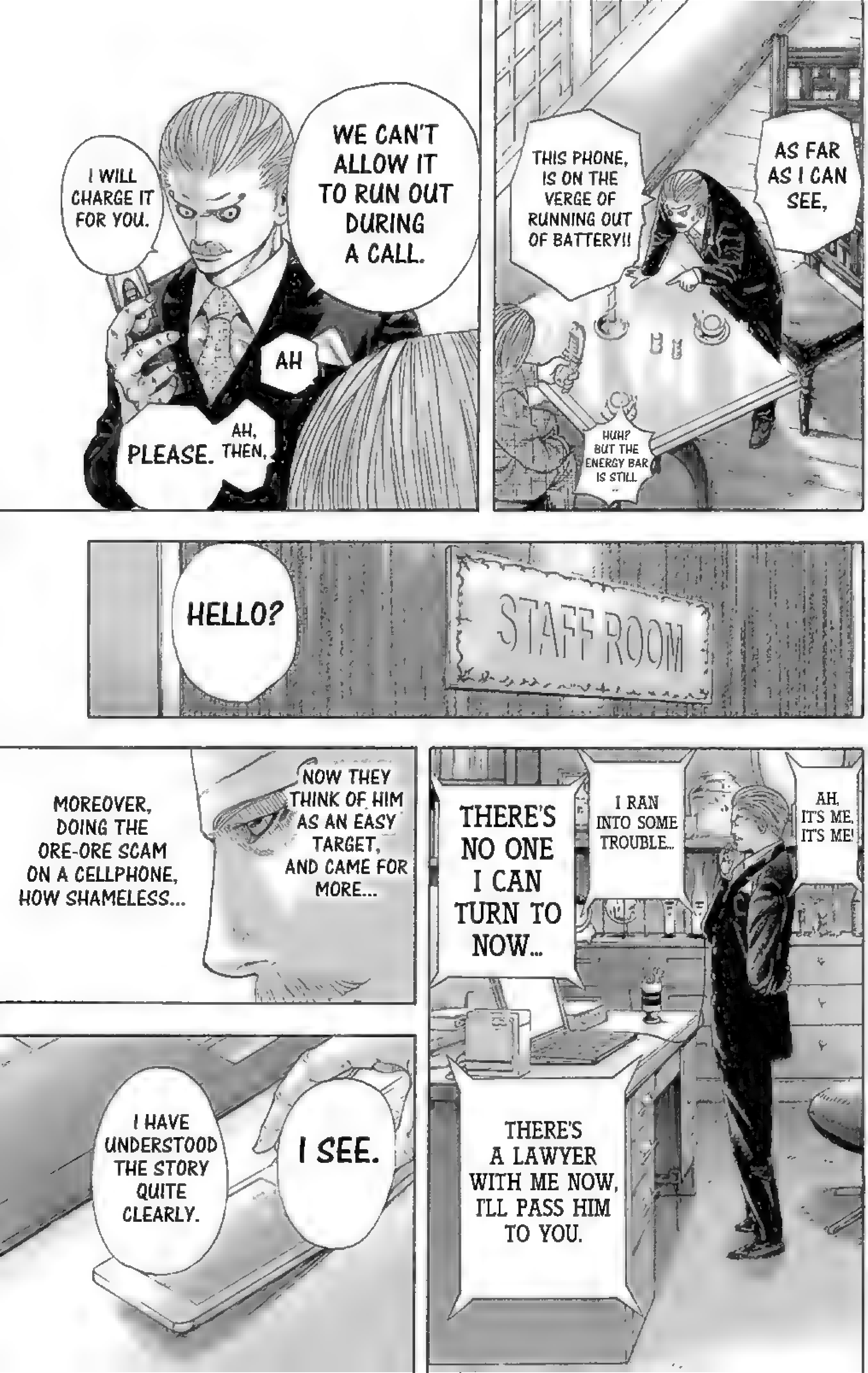
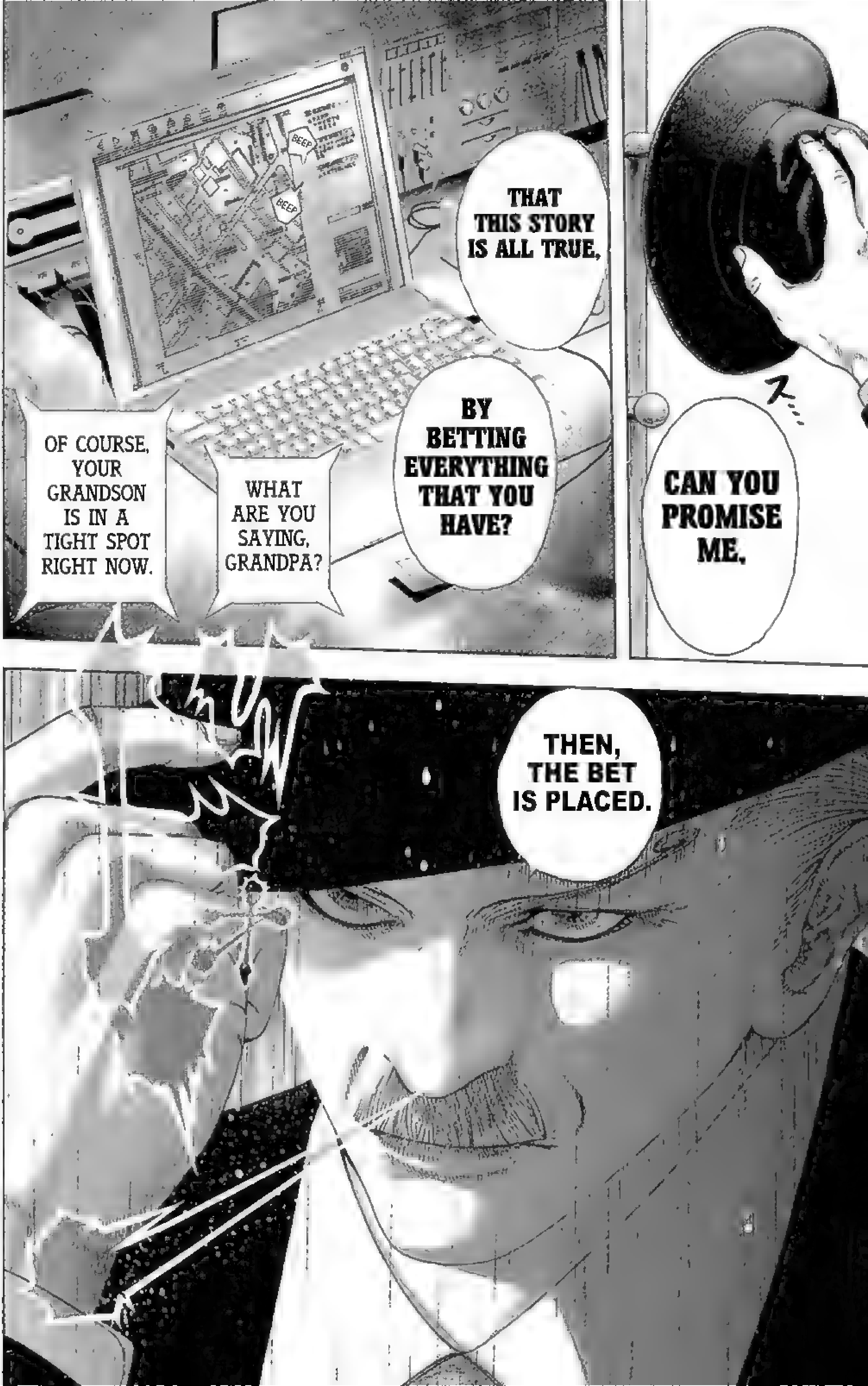
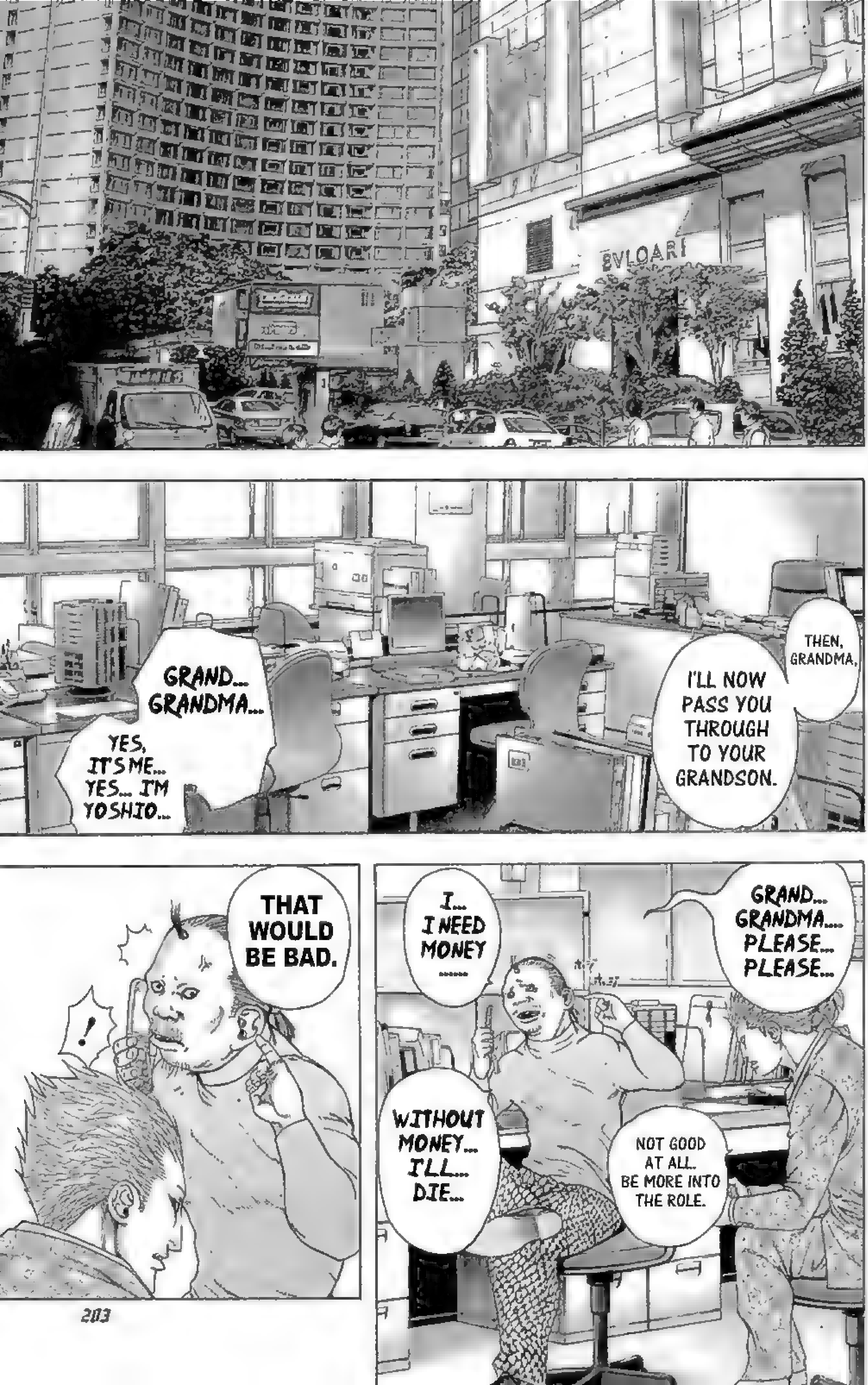

30 MINUTES AGO.
"BEST OF BUTLERS",
YOU, WHO WERE CALLED AS SUCH, BEING PRESENT IN MY COFFEE SHOP HAS ALSO MADE ME THE BUTLER THAT I AM NOW.
EVEN NOW, I CLEARLY REMEMBER YOUR BUTLER FIGURE.
BY THE WAY, I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOUR GRANDSON IS GETTING MARRIED.
……
MY GRANDSON AND MYSELF,
WE ALL GET OLD PRETTY FAST.
YET, I AM SADDENED THAT HIS SOUL HAS NOT MATURED AS MUCH AS IT SHOULD.
BEING SUCH A DREAMER AT THAT AGE.
GOOFING OFF ALL THE TIME.
JUST LIKE THOSE HOODLUMS RUNNING AROUND, WHAT A SHAME.
ON TOP OF ALL THAT, HE EVEN RAN INTO SOME INCIDENT,
HAVING TO PAY DAMAGE COMPENSATION TO THE VICTIM.
AND HE WAS SO PANICKED THAT HE COULD ONLY SAY *"IT'S ME, IT'S ME" ON THE PHONE.
!
TASHIRO-SAN!

*THE "ORE-ORE(IT'S ME, IT'S ME)" PHONE SCAM.


DON'T TELL ME...
THAT YOU TRANSFERRED HIM THE MONEY...
IT'S QUITE EMBARRASSING BUT,
IN THE END, EVEN IF I'M SEVERE WITH HIM, HE'S JUST MY CUTE GRANDSON.
FROM MY SAVINGS, I GAVE HIM ABOUT 2 MILLION YEN.
......
PRRR
OH, IS IT MY GRANDSON?
?
WHAT IS THIS NUMBER?
A NUMBER I DO NOT KNOW...
......AH, IT REMINDS ME.
HE TOLD ME HE HAD CHANGED HIS PHONE RECENTLY, AND CHANGED THE NUMBER. I FORGOT TO RECORD IT.
SUCH A CONVENIENT, STORY WITHOUT ANY USELESS HAPPENINGS ...
HM, YEAH, LET'S THINK OF IT AS NO USELESSNESS, IN TERMS OF THE LIMIT OF THE PAGES
OH NO!
TASHIRO-SAN!


AS FAR AS I CAN SEE,
THIS PHONE, IS ON THE VERGE OF RUNNING OUT OF BATTERY!!
HUH? BUT THE ENERGY BAR IS STILL ..
WE CAN'T ALLOW IT TO RUN OUT DURING A CALL.
I WILL CHARGE IT FOR YOU.
AH
AH, THEN,
PLEASE.
STAFF ROOM
HELLO?
AH, IT'S ME, IT'S ME!
I RAN INTO SOME TROUBLE..
THERE'S NO ONE I CAN TURN TO NOW...
THERE'S A LAWYER WITH ME NOW, I'LL PASS HIM TO YOU.
NOW THEY THINK OF HIM AS AN EASY TARGET, AND CAME FOR MORE...
MOREOVER, DOING THE ORE-ORE SCAM ON A CELLPHONE, HOW SHAMELESS...
I SEE.
I HAVE UNDERSTOOD THE STORY QUITE CLEARLY.


CAN YOU PROMISE ME,
THAT THIS STORY IS ALL TRUE,
BY BETTING EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE?
BEEP
BEEP
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, GRANDPA?
OF COURSE, YOUR GRANDSON IS IN A TIGHT SPOT RIGHT NOW.
THEN, THE BET IS PLACED.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THEN, GRANDMA,
I'LL NOW PASS YOU THROUGH TO YOUR GRANDSON.
GRAND... GRANDMA...
YES, IT'S ME... YES... I'M YOSHIO...
GRAND... GRANDMA.... PLEASE... PLEASE...
I... I NEED MONEY ......
NOT GOOD AT ALL.. BE MORE INTO THE ROLE.
WITHOUT MONEY... I'LL... DIE...
THAT WOULD BE BAD.
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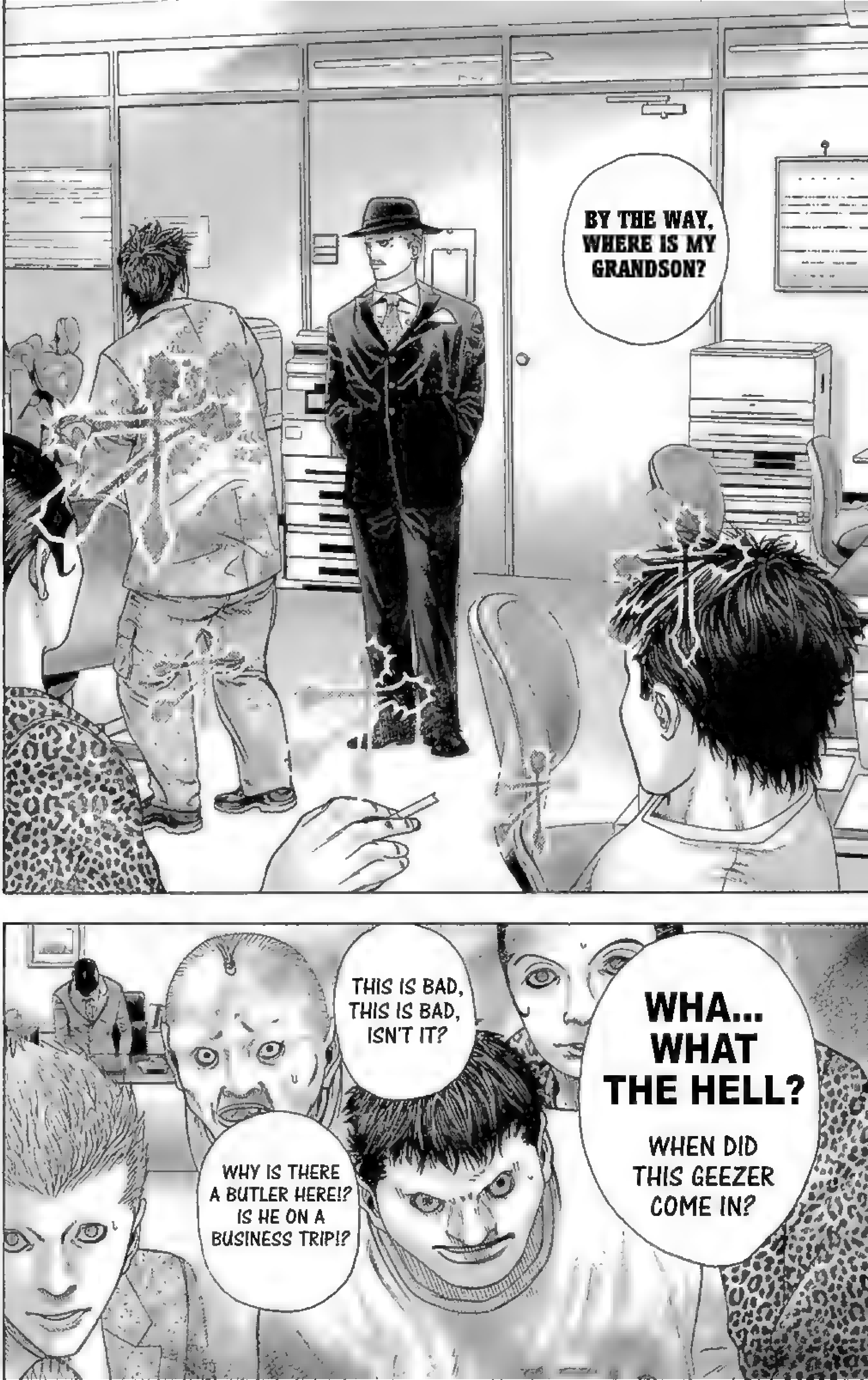
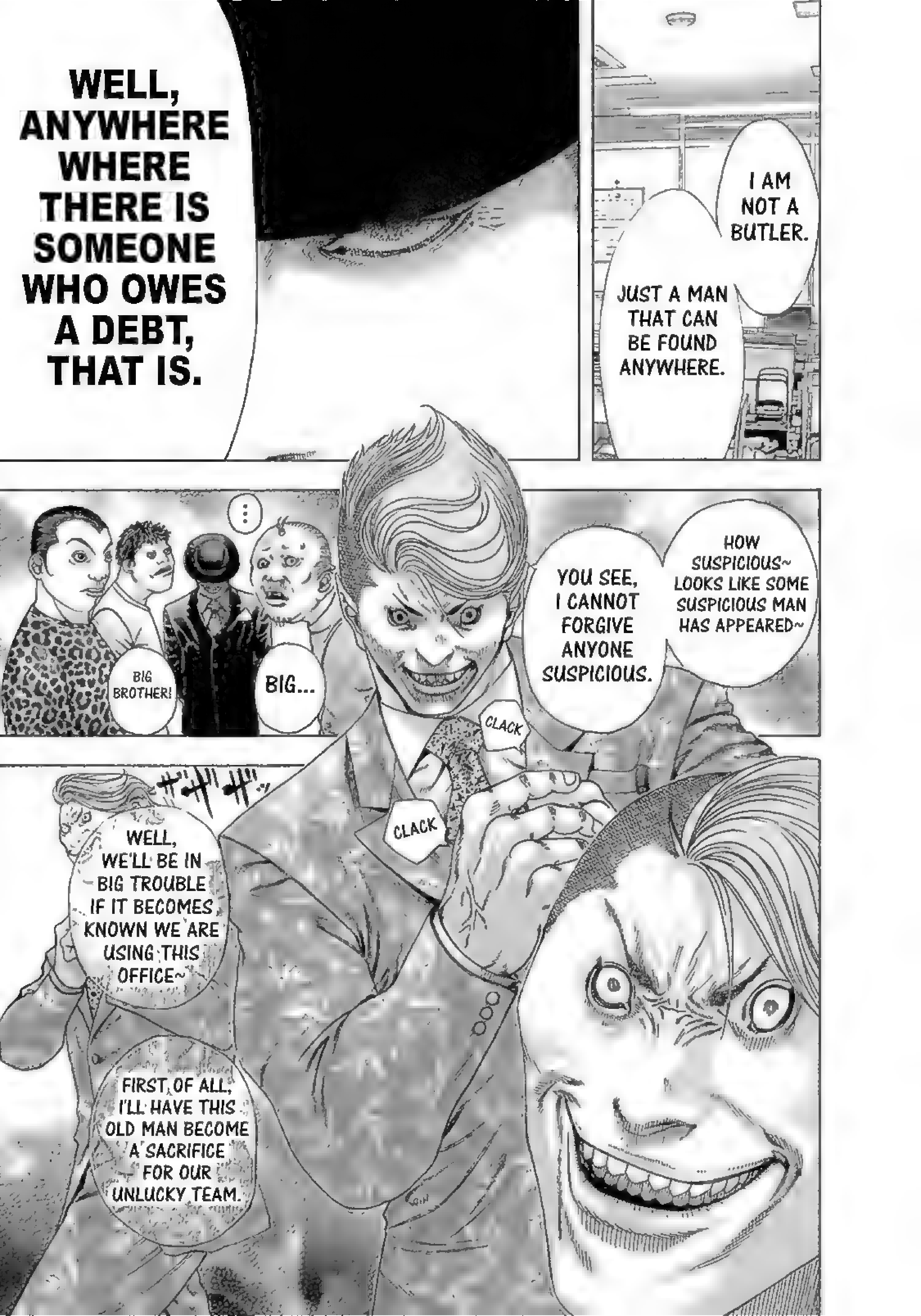
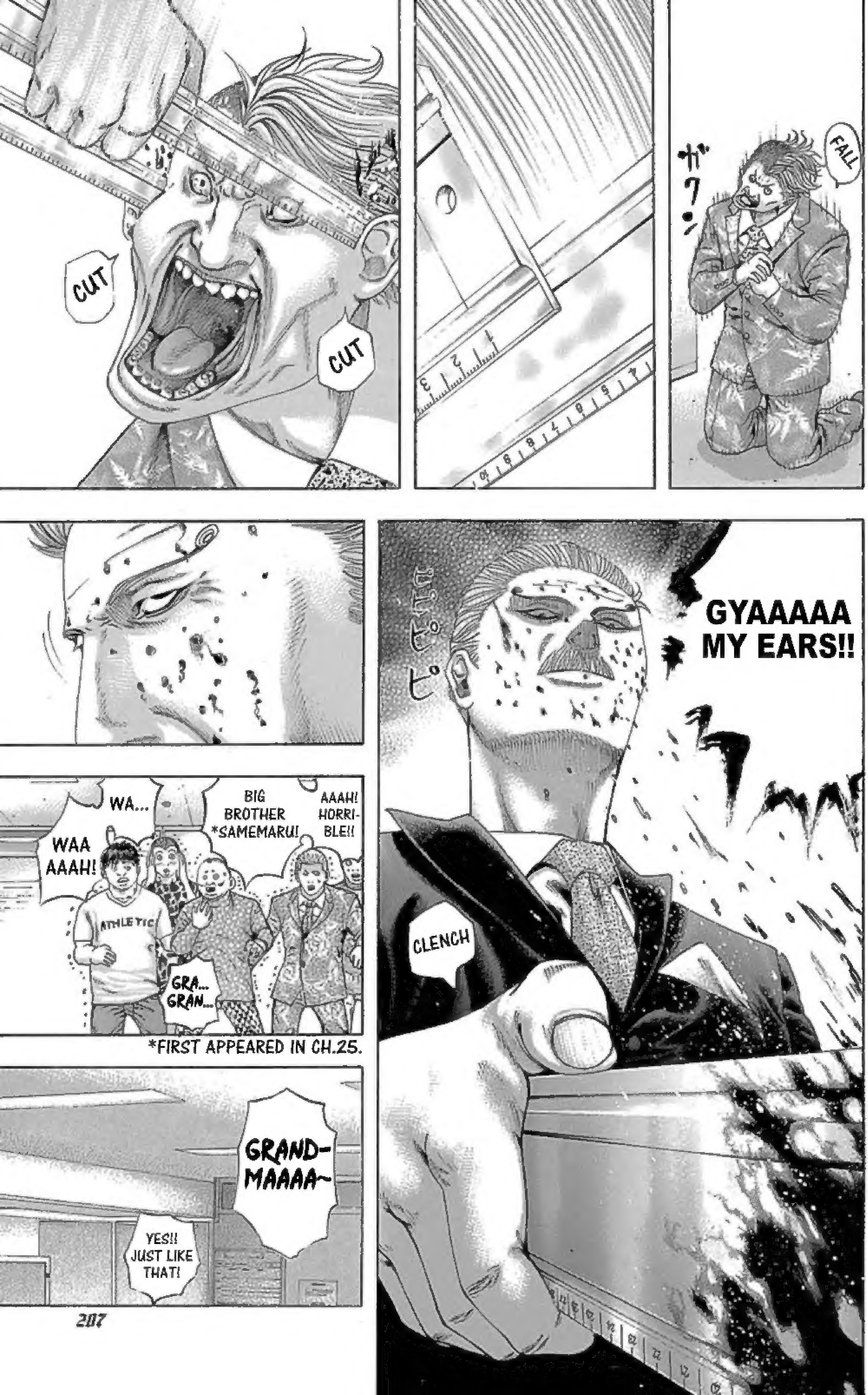

BY THE WAY, WHERE IS MY GRANDSON?
WHA... WHAT THE HELL?
WHEN DID THIS GEEZER COME IN?
THIS IS BAD, THIS IS BAD, ISN'T IT?
WHY IS THERE A BUTLER HERE!? IS HE ON A BUSINESS TRIP!?


I AM NOT A BUTLER.
JUST A MAN THAT CAN BE FOUND ANYWHERE.
WELL, ANYWHERE WHERE THERE IS SOMEONE WHO OWES A DEBT, THAT IS.
HOW SUSPICIOUS~ LOOKS LIKE SOME SUSPICIOUS MAN HAS APPEARED~
YOU SEE, I CANNOT FORGIVE ANYONE SUSPICIOUS.
…
BIG...
BIG BROTHER!
CLACK
CLACK
WELL, WE'LL BE IN BIG TROUBLE IF IT BECOMES KNOWN WE ARE USING THIS OFFICE~
FIRST OF ALL, I'LL HAVE THIS OLD MAN BECOME A SACRIFICE FOR OUR UNLUCKY TEAM.

GET READY, OLD MAN! I AM THE MAN WHO,
IS A FRIEND TO A GUY THAT THAT ONCE HAD A STREET FIGHT WITH A BOXING WORLD CHAMPION~!!
AND HAD A DRINK WITH HIM~
RUSTLE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GYAAAAA MY EARS!!
CLENCH
AAAH! HORRIBLE!!
BIG BROTHER *SAMEMARU!
WA...
WAA AAAH!
GRA... GRAN...
GRAND-MAAAA~
YES!! JUST LIKE THAT!

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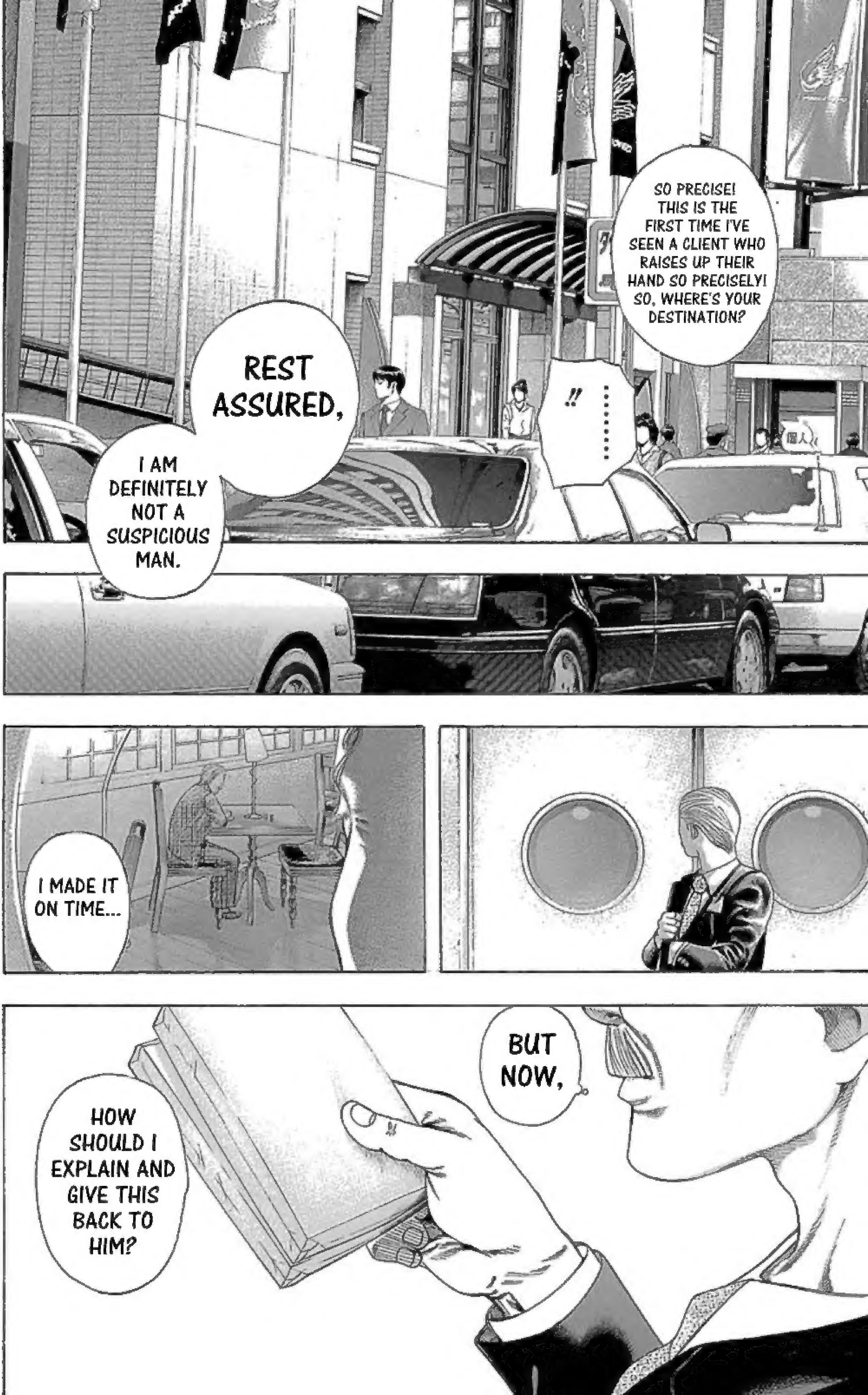
SO PRECISE! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN A CLIENT WHO RAISES UP THEIR HAND SO PRECISELY! SO, WHERE'S YOUR DESTINATION?
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REST ASSURED,
I AM DEFINITELY NOT A SUSPICIOUS MAN.
I MADE IT ON TIME...
BUT NOW,
HOW SHOULD I EXPLAIN AND GIVE THIS BACK TO HIM?

GRANDPA, HAVE YOU BEEN WAITING FOR LONG?
YOU REALLY SAVED ME LAST TIME, I'M SORRY, GRANDPA.
THERE WAS NO ONE ELSE TO TURN TO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MISTER.
HA HAHA,
NO PROBLEM, NO PROBLEM.
YOU REALLY HAVE A GREAT WIFE.
AND WITH A GREAT BODY.
I LENT YOU THAT HARD EARNED MONEY THAT NOT EVEN THOSE RECENT CON ARTISTS WERE ABLE TO SCAM FROM ME, YOU'RE NOT GETTING OUT OF THIS LIGHTLY!
BUT! I'LL HAVE YOU REPAY ME FULLY!! YOU CAN REPAY ME WITH YOUR WIFE'S HOT BODY IF YOU WANT TO!! GEHEHEHE!
KYA~!
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HMPH …
BUHA BUHA BUHA BUHA BUHA
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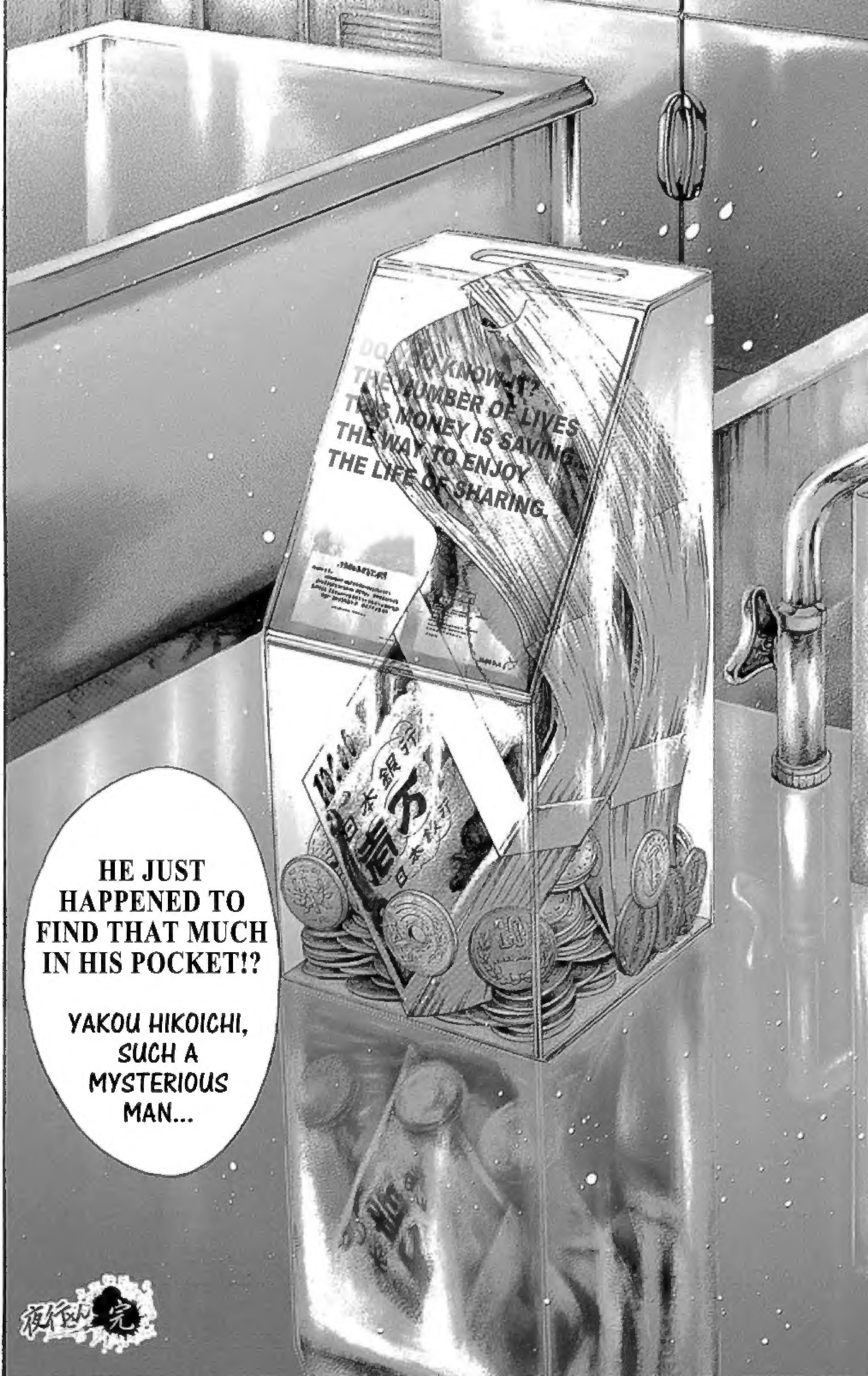
DO YOU KNOW IT?
THE NUMBER OF LIVES
THIS MONEY IS SAVING...
THE WAY TO ENJOY
THE LIFE OF SHARING.
日本銀行
HE JUST HAPPENED TO FIND THAT MUCH IN HIS POCKET!?
YAKOU HIKOICHI, SUCH A MYSTERIOUS MAN...
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